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Suspect ship held on Teesside

Customs stop '140-ton gun' bound for Iraq

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, and Christopher Walker

having arrived from

CUSTOMS officers yesterday discovered what to sail from Teesport, where it cent commercial activity to they believe to be a 140that been docked for a week, blacken his image. they believe to be a 140ton gun capable of firing nuclear or chemical shells hundreds of miles, packaged in separate boxes on board a merchant ship bound for Iraq.

It was the third time in two weeks that Customs had taken action to prevent consignments being exported to Iraq.

Employees of two British firms interviewed in connecthey were parts for oil pumpofficials who detained the ship at Teesport pending expert examination of the material, are convinced the boxes contained parts for a gun with a 40-metre long barrel.

"You don't have oil pumping equipment that is tapered at one end," one source said. If the expert confirms that the boxes contained parts for a gun, it would provide new evidence that Iraq was trying to acquire special delivery systems for launching cheminuclear warheads over large distances. A cannon that size could fire a one-metre shell weighing about two tons as far

as Tel Aviv or Tehran. Defence experts confirmed resterday that a gun of such a manufacture. calibre could fire both nuclear and chemical shells.

on board the Bermuda-registered MV Gur Mariner, on charter to the Iraqi Maritime

Mother Teresa to retire

The Vatican announced yesterday that Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work for the destitute, was resigning as head of her Missionaries of Charity order on grounds of ill-health.

She is 79, and last year underwent a beart pace-maker operation after a serious illness. A new superior of the order she founded in Calcutta 40 years ago is to be appointed by Pope John Paul II in

September, the Vatican said. The order runs some 400 homes all over the world, mostly modelled on her original home in Calcutta Page 11

Summit success

The World Ministerial Drug gether 500 delegates from 112 countries, ended in London yesterday with a declaration that it had helped to bridge the gap between consuming and producing nations Page 4

Texas choice

For the first time in nearly 60 years, Texas Democrats nominated a woman candidate to run for governor. Mrs Ann Richards, who describes herself as a feminist, defeated her nearest rival for the nomination, Mr Jim Matrox, the state Attorney General......Page 10

Plea to Major

The Confederation of British Industry has called on Mr John Major, the Chancellor, to bring in new measures to encourage investment. It said it was vital to prevent manufacturing capacity from Page 23

Gower's chance

David Gower has a chance of playing in the fifth and final cricket Test against West Indies which starts in Antigua today if the opener, David Smith, does not recover from an injured thumb Page 44

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Yesterday's operation, codenamed Bertha, came after the seizure of 40 nuclear trigger devices at Heathrow sirport on March 28, and the nvestigation the following day of the export of naval equipment — thought to be devices for atomic mines — to Iraq. Both involved Mr Omar Latif, a senior Iraqi Airways employee, known to be the head of Iraqi intelligence in

London. He was deported. Yesterday's operation was unconnected with Mr Latif's activities. But since the discovery of the nuclear trigger devices, Customs have been keeping a close watch on all exports to Iraq.

The Customs operation was named after the Big Bertha gun, developed in the First World War. Experts said last night that guns of that size were not being built anywhere in the world. "It's certainly the biggest gun we have uncovered in this country," one Customs source said.

"It seems to be a one-off weapon. Experts are still trying to identify its source, but

though one man wanted for

Constantine Brantford of Middlesbrough, agents for the vessel, would not comment; and the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority said it had

been asked to say nothing. If the parts prove to be a gun, it will further heighten tensions in the Middle East, already described by many observers as at their highest level since the 1982 Israeli

invasion of Lebanon. It will also seriously effect Anglo-Iraqi relations which have been at a low ebb since the hanging of Mr Farzad Bazoft, the London-based Iranian journalist, although previous discoveries as West-

The Iraqis have won considerable sympathy from fellow that recent Western accusations against them have only one aim: to set up the climate for a second pre-emptive Is-rach strike similar to that launched against Iraqi Osorak nuclear reactor in 1981.

The 22 members of the Arab League have already met in emergency session and given full backing to Iraq to the extent of claiming that any attack on one member will be considered an attack on all. The director of the League's military affairs department, Mr Hassan Al-Bassam has urged all member states to step up their production of advanced weaponry.

Operation Bertha came on the eve of a key meeting between the Iraqi president and a five-member delegation from the US Senate scheduled to take place in Baghdad today in an effort to diffuse the war of words between Iraq and the

Diplomatic observers said the uncovering of further evidence of Iraq's miltary ambitions in the chemicals and possibly also the nuclear weapons fields would cast a shadow over the meeting, organized at the last minute by President Mubarak of Egypt,

acting as a peacemaker.
Diplomats in the W ts in the Middle East said the latest operation would increase complaints in the Arab world of what they allege are double standards in

Countries such as Britain and America are accused of the Arabs acquiring advanced weapons technology while doing little or nothing to hold back Israel, now estimated to have an arsenal of between 100 and 200 nucelar

Mr Henry Dodds, a military expert of Jane's Defence Weekly, said that the Americans tested a huge gun 20 years ago which could fire 600lb President Saddam Hussein of shells over a range of 1,100 Iraq has shrugged off the miles and reaching a height of

Home Office veto new police chief

took the unprecedented step wing. The authority said it would seek an urgant meeting ority's choice of a new chief with Mr David Waddington, ority's choice of a new chief constable. Mr John Weselby, who was appointed Chief Constable of Derbyshire on the Home Secretary, to de-mand why Mr Weselby's appointment had been re-Monday, was told yesterday jected. that he was not acceptable for

Mr Weselby, aged 52, was Derbyshire's deputy chief con-stable and had been acting head of the force since February. The Labour-controlled police authority stated yesterday that it would stand by his appointment as chief constable, which was made in defiance of the Home Office's refusal to approve his inclu-sion on an original shortlist.

The Home Office's veto dispute with the police au-

THE Home Office yesterday Government circles as left-

Police sources suggested esterday that the rejection of Mr Weselby was an attempt by the Home Office to exert its authority over the Labourcontrolled authority. A Home Office spokesman said yesterday that it had received Derbyshire's notification of Mr Weselby's appointment

reply was awaited. Mr Eric Swain, chairman of the Derbyshire police authority, said: "It is a very showed signs yesterday of unusual situation and I am developing into a political very disappointed but if our decision was right on Monday thority which is regarded in then it is right today."

and had responded by letter. A



Haughey call for economic unity

By Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent

MR CHARLES Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, made a dramatic first official visit to Belfast in more than 25 years yesterday where he delivered an eloquent call for Irish economic unity before returning to Dublin unscathed.

Mr Haughey's much publicised visit in his capacity as President of the European Council of Ministers, was conducted amid intense security. There had been fears of big "loyalist" demonstrations and possibly violence, but in the event only 200 to 300 people responded to the call from The Rev lan Paisley, leader of the Democratic

When Mr Haughey's bullet-proof car swept into the Europa Hotel in the city centre at about 11 am, Mr Paisley led the protest from a rooftop nearby hurling political insults and abuse as his supporters, including skinheads and pensioners, screamed from behind police barricades.

During his four-hour stay Mr Haughey revealed that he had been travelling to Northern Ireland regularly over the years on private visits to relations."I haven't been away from Belfast as long as the official position might indicate," he said.

The visit came as two of the four Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers killed by an IRA landmine on Monday in Downpatrick, county Down, were buried, and as police said four people were being ques-tioned in connection with the attack.

In addition to his key note speech to ar Institute of Directors' conference, Mr Haughey also took the opportunity to try to calm Unionist and British Government inger over recent decisions on extradition by the Irish Supreme Court.

He said his government and the British Government were doing all they could to combat terrorism and added that he believed there would be no further problems with extradition from the British point of view because Ireland was now operating under European legislation on the suppression of terrorism which made extradition for terrorist crime automatic.

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Minister orders more jail staff and riot gear

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

sures to restore order in the troubled penal system as a prison officer at a Scottish jail escaped from inmates who had held him hostage for 20

About 200 extra prison officers are to be immediately drafted into jails in England and Wales and stocks of riot equipment, including shields,

helmets and protective clothing, are to be increased. The Home Office is also to set up a "steering group" of senior officials to co-ordinate the difficult and urgent task of finding new accommodation for inmates displaced from

riot-affected prisons. The hostage incident at Shotts Prison, near Glasgow. ended dramatically when the captive officer, Mr Jim Rankin, aged 30, broke free from inmates and leapt from a second floor window.

Ministers have, for the time being, rejected demands by the Prison Officers' Associ-

THE Government announced ation for a sharp increase in service has suffered I have

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, said any "fresh assessment" of manning levels would have to await the conclusion of Lord Justice Woolf's inquiry into the Strangeways' riot. However, he added: "Recognizing the stress that the prison



given instructions for the immediate recruitment of 200

additional officers." Mr Waddington, who announced the measures after holding separate meetings with leaders of the Prison Officers' Association and the Prison Governors' Association, defended the variety of tactics employed to control

While a "very quick and robust" response had been correct in dealing with disturbances at Bristol and Dartmoor, negotiations were proving the best course at Strangeways jail in Man-

The prison officers told Mr Waddington that 600 extra warders should be recruited over the next three months.

Meanwhile, at Strangeways jail three more prisoners surrendered as the occupation entered its twelfth day.

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New Hong Kong passports hint

By Jonathan Braude and Richard Ford

ANOTHER 300 Hong Kong ports. The Foreign Office said yesterday: "We are talking tionality Bill, it was suggested

The scheme, to give employees of British companies based in Hong Kong preferential treatment, is under active consideration, Mr Francis Maude, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office said.

The companies would be allowed to second senior workers to Britain to help them to fulfil residency requirements for full UK pass-

ish passports on top of the about a very, very limited 200 or 300 heads of household. We don't know how it will pan out. We are simply looking at the possibility of such a scheme."

> The spokesman denied there was any contradiction between Mr Maude's comments and those of Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, who said last week that those helped by a special Continued on page 22, col 8

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Fashion chains suffer losses

Tie Rack revealed that profits slumped from £3.12 million to £1.32 million while clothing retailer French Connection said that losses for

1989/90 have grown from £990,000 to £4.67 million. Like most High Street shops they are being hit by rising interest rates and shoppers with less money to spend. Mr Roy Bishko, Tie Rack

chairman, said he expected

HIGH Street gloom intens- that "the difficult economic vealed profits before tax 31 chief executive, said: "Cus-tomers are buying less."

The bad news comes in the wake of a £46.7 million pre-chairman, was optimistic tax loss suffered by the Next about 1990. "There's no sign retail chain, which is cutting people are cutting down on

proving that while shoppers continued to be very strong." are cutting back on clothes they are still filling their Tesco's £362m profits, page 23 supermarket trollies. The supermarket giant re-

ified yesterday with news of a climate" to persist. Mr Mich-slump in profits at two fashion ael Shen, French Connection with health conscious customers buying more fresh fruit and vegetables. Sir lan MacLaurin, the

2,000 jobs.

One bright spot in the retailing sector was Tesco. since the year end have

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Green-fingered minister fails to rouse Lambeth

By Jamie Dettmer

AT THE fourth empty flat the Secretary of State for the Environment snapped. "I have not got very long," he tersely informed his local Conservative confrères.

Mr Chris Patten was on the council election trail in the South London borough of Lambeth - and out of luck. The local Tories had selected four flats on the Cedar Road council estate for him to "knock up" for the television cameras. Two had recently been bought by the occupiers; the tenants in the other two were making

plans to buy. It all seemed safe enough.

The minister, surrounded by a rapidly enlarging press corps, had confidently knocked on No. 290. The local milkman probably stirs more activity in the Cedar Road council television crews had aimed their cameras and prepared to give Mr or

Mrs Householder their 30 seconds of fame. Nothing. Mr Patten looked at his shoes. The photographers stood ready. The net curtains twitched not a

The story was repeated at each of the other flats in turn. Then a window opened opposite Mr Patten's ensemble and a man peered down. "Has she won the pools?" he demanded in excitement. The cameras swung up to record what was the high point of the campaign so far.

"No. We are Conservatives," a hopeful high-pitched female Tory voice replied. The man looked aghast and backed away from his window. On the Richter scale of political impact, Mr Patten's election walkabout simply did not register. The

estate than he managed. But his

morning excursion, his first in the campaign, had begun promisingly enough with a photo-opportunity on the borders of Labour-controlled Lambeth and Conservative-controlled Wandsworth, where he described Robertson Street as the "great divide" - on the Labour side the community charge is £14 a week more than on the

Patten grandly declared to a street empty of voters. "I am demonstrating that Labour councils cost you a lot more than Conservative areas where you also get better services for less

"I am not being provocative," Mr

money.' The council estate was in Lambeth but there was not a riot, or potential rioter, in sight. Instead, some hundred yards up the road a moth-eaten cat sauntered across the "great divide"

couple of forlorn "Flat for Sale" signs. a rather desolate minister made do with being interviewed for the radio. Opposite stood the board for "Sa-

cred Heart Houses: A registered charity for aid to missionaries". If ever a Conservative missionary needed succour, Mr Patten was he. Would he have better luck in

Trafaigar Square, the next port of call? A party of Spanish teenagers and several American tourists looked on at a strange British ritual: a Cabinet minister cleaning the square with a state-of-the-art mechanized road-"What wonderful machines," Mr Patten said as he drove at the photographers, adding with a

shout: "We have lift off!" Which was more than could be said for the local council heading towards the more expensive

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Truth about jail staffing obscured by layers of statistics

By Quentin Cowdry Home Affairs Correspondent

THE truth about whether prisons are under-staffed is obscured by a layer of claim and counter-claim by vested interests.

The Home Office, with apparent persuasiveness, claims that prison officer numbers have risen by 46 per cent since 1979, while the jail population in England and Wales has increased by only 11 per cent.

What it fails to point out, however, is that the time staff have to spend ferrying inmates to and from courts has increased sharply

over the same period. Since 1979, in fact, custodial remands have leapt by almost 75 replace a costly, even corrupt,

per cent to more than 10,600 inmates. A big rise in the number of imprisoned sex offenders has also imposed extra burdens.

Prison officers, too, are not slow to exaggerate their case. The jail riots have presented them with a prize opportunity to argue for more staff in spite of the evidence that at least some staff could work more

Fresh Start, the pay and conditions deal reached between the Home Office and the Prison Officers' Association in May 1987 provides the starting point for any

understanding of the issues. The aim was ambitious: to

"overtime-driven" working system with one that was more efficient, offering bigger rewards in all senses to staff and improved regimes for

Previously, officers worked an average 56-hour week, including 16 hours' overtime. There was, however, widespread acceptance that up to 20 per cent of the hours were being worked unnecessarily - the result of inflexible rosters.

Under Fresh Start, officers went on to an average 48-hour week, comprising a new basic 39-hour week with nine "contracted" additional hours, the latter to be

reduced to zero over five years. In return, management in-

creased pay and promised to make up in extra manpower haif the number of contracted hours lost. So far, about 1,150 officers have been recruited under this arrangement. At the end of last month

there were 20,663 officers. However, prison officers argue that management has failed to honour its promise on staffing and has also failed to provide sufficient cover at the half dozen or so new prisons opened since 1987.

The result, it says, has been inmates having to be locked in cells for even longer periods, thereby increasing tension.

● The prison population, after falling slightly over the past year, is

expected to increase by up to 14,000 by 1998 to 62,000 as more criminals are prosecuted, the Home Office said yesterday.

Most of the expansion will come from an increase of about 9,000 adult male offenders convicted of serious offences.

The number of women in jail will remain unchanged while the population of convicted young male offenders will rise by about

The Home Office's latest population estimates are down on previous ones. This is believed to reflect its increased confidence that courts will, in line with govern-ment policy, imprison fewer less population is continuing to fall as fewer people are remanded in custody and courts increasingly use non-custodial penalties when deal-

ing with young criminals. On April 6, the figure stood at 47,029 - 2,200 lower than on the same day last year, the Home Office said.

Penal reformers said the Govemment's admission that prisoner numbers would soon be increasing again showed that it had been talking with a "forked tongue" since February when it published a White Paper proposing a fundamental shift in sentencing policy away from custody.

FIREMEN were fighting last

night to prevent the destruc-tion of large areas of the North

Yorks Moors National Park.

estate workers were battling to

square miles of the park near

The fire was last night

burning on a two-mile front

more than 24 hours after it

started. At one stage 10ft flames could be seen leaping

from the tinder-dry heather of East Witton Moor.

Large stretches of the moors

national park were closed to

walkers yesterday as firemen

operation to put out the fire, which spread over 700 acres near Coverdale. Many parts of the park will remain closed

over Easter because of the risk

Mr Geoff Cooper, the local

ette, was the worst he had seen

Several popular walks, including the Cleveland Way

between Osmotherley and

Urra Moor and the Lyke

Wake Walk, could be closed

for at least two weeks unless

with a lack of snow during the

winter has left the soil, heather

and bracken tinder dry.
"We have to minimise the risk of accidental fire. We

urge visitors to avoid the

moorland and be vigilant," he

of further blazes.

for many years.

there is heavy rain.

High winds hampered the

tried to control the fire.

the village of Coverdale.

Petrol set to fall back elow for below £2

PETROL prices are set to drift below £2 a gallon as oil companies react to falling costs on the Rotterdam spot market (Kevin Eason writes).

Prices fell by \$16 (about £10) a ton yesterday, the equivalent of a 3p cut at the pumps if oil companies follow through the price falls.

Although the main oil companies said they would want a period of stability before making a decision to order price cuts at more than 20,000 forecourts in Britain, prices were already falling throughout the country.

The standard price of 205p for four-star leaded ordered at the end of March has already drifted down to 203p.

Up to 100 firemen and 50 to opt out control the blaze, which has destroyed more than six

At least 50 hospitals are expected to opt out of health authority control next April when NHS reforms are implemented, Mr Duncan Nichol, chief executive, said yesterday after a meeting with health service managers. There were 180 expressions of interest when the proposal was made.

TV props stolen Antiques worth £85,000 used

in television period dramas, including a £27,000 silver cutlery set, have been were stolen from a props warehouse near Pebble Mill, the BBC's Birmingham broadcasting centre. The stolen property would have filled a large

fire station officer, said that Master cleared the fire, which may have been started by a discarded cigar-

Mr Bill Fewings, Master of the Quantocks Staghounds, was found not guilty by magistrates at Taunton, Somerset, yesterday of three offences relating to killing a stag. The prosecution was brought by Mr John Hicks, sanctuaries manager of the League Against Cruel Sports.

Mr Bob Cartwright, head of land management with the Anand leads National Park Authority, said that a shortage of rainfall in the last few weeks combined

After four rounds, Viswanathan Anand, of India, leads the Grandmaster tournament in Prestwich with 3.5 points. In second piace with three points is Michael Adams, the British champion. The three Russian representatives lost their games, two of them against

Hostage leaps out of prison window

to escape inmates

inmates at Shotts Prison near Glasgow made a dramatic escape last night when he jumped from a second storey

Mr Jim Rankin, aged 30, who was seized by prisoners and held in the prison's B hall on Tuesday night, escaped during negotiations led by Mr Peter Abernethy, the prison

Prisoners remaining in B hall were transferred to other accommodation at Shotts. Mr olence broke out as inmates

were returning to their cells on Tuesday night. Two other officers were injured, one of them believed lion in June, 1987. stabbed, in the ensuing brawl.

Both officers, Mr Tom Costello, aged 33, and Mr William A spokesman for the Scot- Taggart, aged 42, were taken tish Office said that Mr to Law Hospital Mr Costello Rankin was undergoing a was said to be in a stable

team of prison service staff

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Peace policy defended

MR Brendan O'Friel, gov- his approach and to give a ernor of Strangeways prison, peaceable solution overwhel-Manchester, yesterday de-ming priority. "I can say we fended his efforts to end the have had an improvement in occupation by rioters - now the amount of dialogue going in its 12th day – by peaceful on between negotiating teams negotiation. of prison officers and the remaining prisoners," he said. As three more prisoners "I am very pleased with the

demand for tougher, direct conducting the negotiations." action to end the siege as Mr O'Friel said the remain-"simplistic". ing prisoners were getting very He said the policy of untired and suffering from lack remitting negotiations couof food. They were also subpled with "other measures" to jected to other pressures, put pressure on the rioters had which he could not disclose, yielded good results with fewer than 15 inmates holding from prison staff trying to dislodge them.

The Home Office supported

surrendered yesterday Mr

O'Friel described the growing

THE prison officer held hostage for 20 hours by 40 medical check although there condition last night and his tage for 20 hours by 40 was little cause for concern. colleague was described as comfortable with minor head

iniuries. The inmates took control of Rankin was held when vi- part of the hall's second floor and the whole of the third floor, but did reach the roof. The jail was opened as a

Mr Rankin reassured nego-tiators early in "the siege" that

model prison costing £15 mil-

he was unhurt. Throughout the day scores of police, some of them using tracker dogs, sealed off the prison, which is less than a mile south of Shotts village in Lanarkshire.

The trouble at Shotts appears to have taken the authorities by surprise.

Although the prison has the latest facilities, it suffered a hostage-taking three months after it opened.

Over the past two years there has been a series of minor incidents at the jail. which at present holds 434 prisoners but has a capacity for 468. Yesterday it became plain that its atmosphere has been tense virtually since it

In January Mr Tom Buyers, the Inspector of Prisons in Scotland, said that some cell blocks at Shotts were in peril of becoming "no-go" areas, with inmates locked in their cells and having little contact

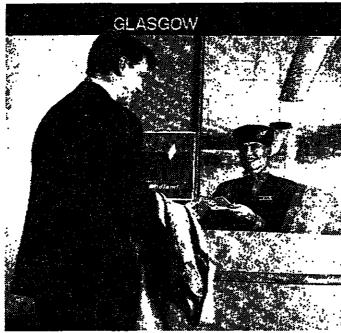
Two-mile blaze threatens moorland By Ray Clancy



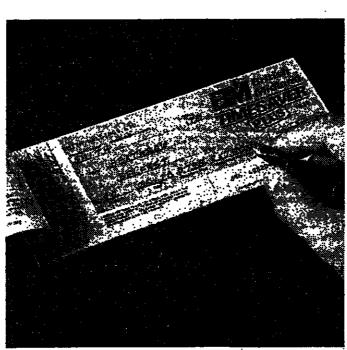
Firemen fighting the flames which have destroyed parts of the North Yorks Moor

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Man jailed in war on international oil frauds

By David Sapsted

yesterday in the first success- volve the preparation of bogus ful prosecution for a fraud so documents offering consign-common that it threatens to ments of oil at slightly below cause an international oil the market price, to be sold on

honorary Nigerian chief, was consignments of oil, which are jailed for four years and usually on the high seas, and jailed for four years and usually on the high seas, and ordered to be deported back to then forge documents, nor-his homeland at the end of his mally in the name Nigerian sentence for trying to sell file. sentence for trying to sell £14 National Petroleum million of oil he did not own. Corporation.

Ibikunie used fake documents to sell a non-existent consignment of almost 1.2 million barrels of Nigerian crude through the spot market The International Maritime

Bureau, which polices the seas from its London head-quarters, says that such frauds are now running at two a week, costing independent oil companies millions of dollars

a year.

"A flood of fraudulent documentation is being used by criminals in what threatens to become a major crisis in the international oil trade," the burean said.

Journey to fair is more dangerous the frauds – known as Snaresbrook Crown Count was told that ihikumle went one step further and attempted to sell a whole tanker load of cil to one independent oil company, Empire Petroleum International Inc, based in the United States. He obtained \$150,000 from the head of the company, Mr Claude Rapose, allegedly for charter fees, and even allowed him to steak to a tanker Viasterde Journey to than rides

By David Young CHILDREN are more likely to be hurt during the drive to a fairground or amusement park than they are once they get to the swings and round-abouts, according to a report by the Health and Safety

Executive. The report, published as families prepare for Easter visits to leisure parks, suggests that children are seven times

more at risk from the road journey than from a two-hour session on amusement rides. A two-hour horse-riding session was regarded as 20 times more dangerous than having 10 different rides during a two-hour visit to an

amusement park, and walking to the park is on average 1.2 The findings came in a report researched for the Health and Safety Executive

by the Safety and Reliability

Directorate of the Atomic

Energy Authority. It said: The average risk to the public from fairground rides is not a cause for concern on the grounds either of their absolute magnitude or their relativity to those in other leisure activities.'

Analysis of records between 1981 and 1988 was used to derive risks of death and serious injury to members of the public and to fairground ride staff. In addition, official observations of various rides were made and were supplemented by unofficial observation of other fairground

Overall, the risk to the rider in a 10-ride session is 0.04 chances in a million of death and 0.6 chances in a million of serious injury. Risks for each ride and per second were also

These risks, according to the study, are substantially lower those incurred in a typical car or bicycle journey o and from a fair. Risk of death to fairground

workers, though based on few accidents, is, at 70 in a million a year, less than that encountered in the building

There are key areas in fairgrounds where safety problems were identified.

An Assessment of Risks at Fairground Rides (Stationery



They pose as the owners or as agents, often for high-ranking military officers who, they claim, have got the oil through their support for the Nigerian Government. They purchasers provide up to \$500,000 (£306,700) "up front" to cover the charter of the tanker and port expenses, a normal part of transactions

in the rapid movements on the international oil market. When they get the cash, they disappear, only to emerge from another base of operations a little later with a fresh

batch of false papers. Snaresbrook Crown Court

him to speak to a tanker captain confirming that the consignment was en route to Amsterdam. In fact, he was not even the captain of the

ship carrying the load that lbikunle claimed to own. Ibikunle travelled to The Netherlands to seal the deal with an Empire executive, not realizing that he was negotiating with a Dutch police in-

vestigator called in when Mr Rapose became suspicious. Dutch officers worked with the Crown Prosecution Service fraud investigation group, the Metropolitan Police, American and Nigerian authorities, and Mobil — whose tanker was carrying the

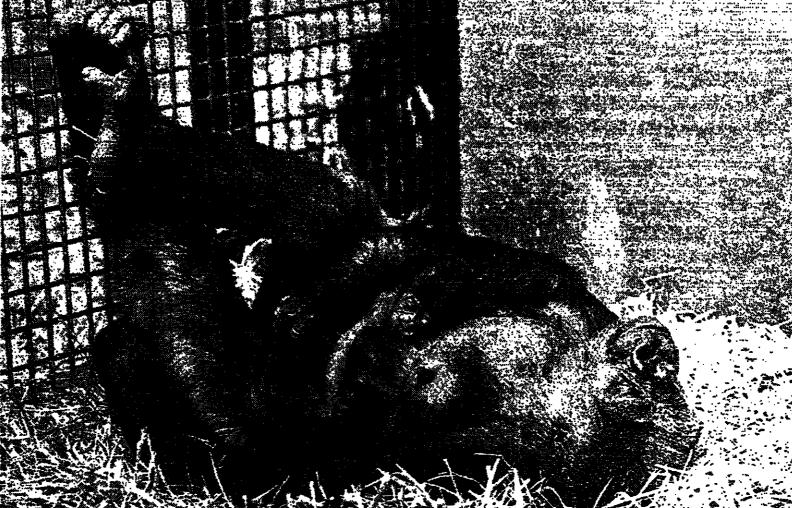
oil the Nigerian claimed to own - to piece together the details of the fraud. Thikunle's conviction after a three-week trial was hailed by vice as an example of what

CPS and international oil companies. Mr Tony Farries, a member of the fraud investigation group, said: "This is believed to be the first time that anybody anywhere had overcome the evidential and jurisdictional problems of bringing

could be achieved with proper liaison between the police, the

Ibikunle was sentenced to four years for conspiring to obtain \$22,366,439 from Em-pire between September 1988 and April last year, and to three years, to run concurrently, for dishonestly obtaining \$150,000 from Mr Rapose by deception. He had pleaded not guilty.

The International Maritime Bureau has been so concerned at the extent of Nigerian crude frauds that it has called for a task force of police, insurers oil companies, ship owners and traders to be established to devise a plan to thwart the



tby gorilla Kuma sunggles up to her mother, Jur 3½ib at birth, is Juma's first baby and the 35th successful birth at Howletts, which now houses 37 gorillas and is the largest colony in the world. At Howletts numbers are growing fast and the aim is that within 10 years it will be possible to return whole families to the wild

Officers seek damages for Hillsborough

By Mark Souster MORE than 130 police officers in South Yorkshire are nature of policing may be expected to seek compensational fundamentally changing," the expected to seek compensa-tion from their own ambority and Sheffield Wednesday football club for the psycho-

logical effects of the Hillsborough disaster. A total of 53 officers have edged claims with the South Yorkshire Police Authority for damages for "post-trau-matic stress syndrome". An-other 80 officers are likely to

follow suit.

The development comes almost a year after the tragedy in which 95 Liverpool fans died. The claims received do not name the Chief Constable, Mr Peter Wright, who retires on May 1. Should writs be issued, however, the defendants will be the authority and the chief

constable.

The legal manoenvres are similar to successful claims made by police officers after the fires at Bradford City Football Club in 1985 and King's Cross Underground station in 1987, which were settled out of court. A senior South Yorkshire

officer said yesterday: "One of the key factors of claims such as these is what does a police officer expect to get paid for.
"If everybody who gets into a tranmatic situation is going to seek financial compensa



officer said. Mr Ian Walker, of Russell, Jones & Walker, the solicitors handling the claims, said: "These men and women have been deeply affected by what

they saw. They have their own views why the disaster occ-urred. They feel slightly ambivalent about claiming

against their own force. They have no choice. The alternative is to sue anonymous Writs will be served only if unsatisfactory compensation is offered or claims rejected. • Solicitors for families of the 51 people who died in the Marchioness pleasure boat disaster on the Thames called

on the RMC Group last night to lift the writ setting a limit of £852,000 in the amount of compensation to be paid to survivors and the bereaved (David Sapsted writes). Mr Patrick Allen, spokes man for the solicitors' group representing the families and survivors, made the call after the announcement on Tuesday of a record £248 million profit for RMC last year. He

about £6 million, in full. East Coast Aggregates, a wholly owned RMC subsidiary which operates the dredger in collision with the Marchioness near Southwark Bridge in August, last month ssued the writ seeking to limit the damages under the Merchant Shipping Act.

said the group should pay the claims, expected to amount to

The company made the move in the High Court after the first writs were issued by claimants. Survivors have received interim payments of £3,000 from Commercial Union, insurers of the firm operating the pleasure boat, and some of the beareaved have received funeral ex-Mr Wright: Not named in penses. No money has been paid by the RMC subsidiary.

Gold drug tests offer hope in treating Aids patients

ight against Aids, scientists disclosed yesterday. An experimental compound containing tiny particles of the precious metal has been found.

The project in laboratory tests to block the

action of HIV, the virus that causes the disease. The compound has been shown in the tests to be more effective in some respects than AZT or zidovudine, the only drug licensed for the treat-ment of Aids. It will be some

Details of the research by American and French scientists were presented to an international conference in Manchester on the use of gold and other metals in medicine. become available. Gold is widely used in drugs

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent GOLD has emerged as a to control rheumatoid arthri- 1-Aurothioglucose, works by potential new weapon in the tis. The researchers have ex- blocking an enzyme crucial in

ploited scientific knowledge of the metal's therapeutic prop-erties to develop the anti-HIV The project is being carried out at the Pasteur Institute in

Paris, where the virus was first identified, and at the US Army Medical Research Institute for infectious diseases in Maryland.

Professor Herbert Blough, the leading American scientist figure for the first quarter of involved, told the conference: years before it can be considered suitable for use in pa-We think we have a new and

promising approach for the

treatment of Aids."

He emphasized that the work was still at a very early stage and there was no certainty that a "gold drug" against Aids would eventually

The compound, known as

the replication of the virus in intected cells.

Professor Blough gave de-

tails of the laboratory research to the conference at the University of Manchester In-Technology. • The number of reported

Aids cases in the United Kingdom rose by 136 last month to 3,157, bringing the the year to 327 compared with

1989 (Richard Ford writes). Figures released by the Department of Health yes-terday showed that 1,773 people, of the 3,157 reported cases, have died.

185 in the last three months of

Questions on sale of Lusitania report

By Sarah Jane Checkland

THE coroner's "inquisition" on a passenger from the Lusitania was bought for £4,620 by the Imperial War Museum at Onslow's auctions in London vesterday amid questions about the legality of the sale.

The sinking of the liner Lusitania by a German submarine in 1915 during its passage from New York to Britain is believed to have been the reason the United States entered the First World War.

The 12-page, hand-written document details the death of Captain R. Matthews, one of 1.198 people who died in the

disaster, with depositions from 14 passengers.
It is signed by 12 jurors and
John Joseph Horgan, the coroner, and charges the Emperor and Government of Germany with "the crime of wilful and

wholesale murder before the tribunal of the civilized It concludes: "The said

deceased died from prolonged immersion and exhaustion in the sea eight miles South South West of the Old Head of

Kinsale", off southern Ire-land, on May 7 1915. The doubts about the legality of the sale were raised by Dr David Craig, director of the National Archive in Dublin, who said that he would probably have intervened had the sale been held in Ireland.

"It is outside our jurisdiction. We have tried to do it with exported documents, but failed," he said. To his knowledge, the coro-

ner is responsible for his reports during his life or until he loses office, whereupon they should have been trans-

ferred to the county records

office. Dr Craig acknowledged however, that there was some confusion about the process, arising from the "strange legal position" of Irish coroners being appointed by the Min-istry of Justice but being officers of the county.

He said he now feared that the success of the auction would unleash a flood of similar consignments. Also sold at yesterday's

auction was Turkish bath ticket number 657 from the Titanic. It sold for £990 (estimate £300-£500).

Unholy row at church where organist silenced the vicar

Auckland, Co Durham, the organist has been dismissed, the church council has re-

A CHURCH dating back to signed en bloc, and the vicar the 12th century faces an claims he has been given his unholy row as Easter marching orders.

At St Andrews, Bishop

Members of his congregation claim the vicar, the Rev John Marshall, is unmusical, obsessed with fund raising and caters inadequately for their spiritual needs. For his part Mr Marshall says the past six months have been a living hell. His part in services has

> The Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, has called on parishioners to support the vicar at a meeting later this month. The trouble started when

the pews.

been drowned by the organ, and he has faced rebellion in

members of the parochial church council disagreed with Mr Marshall's style of min-istry. "Everything came to a head last October when a small group met to appoint a spokesman. The upshot was I was given my marching or-ders," Mr Marshall said. He refused to go and 39

members of the parochial church council then resigned, forcing an annual meeting and fresh elections. The bishop has asked perishioners to support the vicar, but if rebel councillors stand for re-election the vote may be seen as a question of confidence in the priest. The vicar recently dis-

had been the church's organist for 35 years, because of his allegedly "erratic behaviour". One churchgoer said this included drowning the vicar's words by starting to play too early and "wandering about" during services. Mr Crosby said yesterday that he is taking his case to an industrial tribumal. "Musi-

missed Mr Keith Crosby, who

get him to learn his parts but he might as well be deaf," he The former organist accepted that there had been occasions when he drowned the vicar's voice with music, but said: "He is no musician. There are ways an organist can

cally Mr Marshall is a Radio 1

vicar. I have tried my best to

lead somebody on. If I give a push I can stop him hanging on to notes for ages. "The vicar has a huge talent for raising money but it has become an obsession. It has become his sole form of occupation, but there is also the spiritual aspect to church."

Mr Maurice Cowley, former secretary of the parochial church council, said: "I think

Mr Marshall's wife, Monica, said yesterday that her husband did not wish to comment further as he was preparing for Easter.

it is all a storm in a teacup."



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Summit ended yesterday in to that decision." London with a wide-ranging declaration and the belief that the gap between the drug consuming and producing nations has been bridged.

British ministers also feel that the £1 million conference, attended by 500 delegates from 112 countries, will be a benchmark for international efforts to curb drug demand.

The West and the Third World have discovered a com-

As the summit closed, however, Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, said there had been no acceptance of the argument for legalization. He said: "The summit has cocaine. rejected absolutely the idea of

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office with responsibility for drug problems, added: "Legaliza- therefore policies would tion is far more fascinating for the media than anyone involved in the summit. Everyone spoke within the framework of keeping international prohibition."

Summing up the three-day debate, the Home Secretary welcomed the United Nations mon cause because both are decision to set up a single suffering increasing addiction group within the UN to cordinate the international fight against drugs.

He said international effort

was also needed to combat the trade in chemicals that could be used to process drugs like

At the end of a summit that legalization and I don't think had seen suggestions of a there was any difficulty what-difference of approach be-

Bank secrecy and anony-

launched yesterday by five

police or customs officers. No

upper limit will be placed on

rewards and the scheme will

have a pool of £750,000

investigation by the Central

Drug Command will reward

businesses and trusts.

Charity Trust.

Task force aims to curb bank secrecy

By Our Crime Correspondent

BANKING secrecy will have tions would be asked to keep to give way to investigators' records of suspicious movedemands as they track the ments of money and banks should have precise rules for identifying clients and detect-"laundering" of multi-million pound drug profits according ing when traffickers operate to recommendations to be published later this month by through front companies. a 15-nation task force.

Use of anonymous bank mous accounts were a big accounts in tax havens is obstacle. likely to be questioned. Illicit • A private fund paying redrug trade profitability is said to be second only to that of the to the exposure of hard drug international arms trade.

Participants from the G7 economic group of countries will call for less use of cash and greater reliance on credit cards

M Denis Samuel-Lajeunesse, the Frenchman heading the task force, told the London summit yesterday that if the during a trial period of three scheme was accepted internationally, the 40 recommendations would have wide financial ramifications and could end use of a dozen tax havens by traffickers.

M Samuel-Lajeunesse said drug abuse in the United States and Europe had an annual turnover of \$125 billion that yielded \$85 billion

Task-force members, including Switzerland and Luxembourg - often key arrested in north London at stem demand for drugs. countries in money launder- the end of a three-month ing operations - urged greater border control to halt money Drugs Squad. An English being carried abroad for woman aged 34 is also under

THE World Ministerial Drug soever for the summit coming tween the United States and European countries on drug abuse, Mr Waddington said that drug problems differed from country to country and

> Reducing the demand for drugs, he said, was not merely a matter for national or international action but affected everyone, including the public at large, parents and organizations within the fabric of the

> Asked if the summit had been little more than a talking shop, the Home Secretary said that representatives of 112 countries would be returning home to put recommendations into action. Mr Mellor said that, overall,

attitudes had changed. "The consumer-producer dilemma is yesterday's argument because everyone who is a producer is a consumer."

Other attitudes had changed too. Only one country in Eastern European now claimed that drug abuse was the product of a capitalist

The 35-point declaration of

the summit calls for national strategies in combating abuse and promises action on trafficking, educational strategies and a series of specific measures for fighting the spread of

In the past days there have been changes from the draft declaration originally placed before delegates which shows that unanimity is still not wards for information leading always possible.

The draft advocated drug tests at the workplace - an idea applied in the United States - but this has been struck out from the final informants put forward by

So too has a clear endorse ment of needle exchange problems - widely used in Europe and this idea has been watered down.

Beyond the declaration a Sponsors include ADT the number of initiatives have been advertised.

security equipment group, British Steel and the Tesco The United Nations is to try to organize a world-wide sys-■ A Colombian man believed tem to measure drug abuse to be an "important cog" in an because no accurate statistics international drugs cartel, was are available in spite of the size of the problem.

being questioned by police last The United States has anof cocaine with a street value nounced that it will support of £5 million (Mark Souster the British idea of a task force to help countries develop The man, aged 29, was education programmes to

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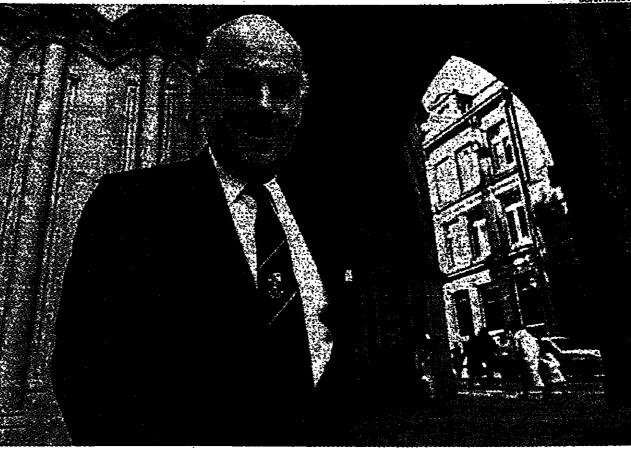
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Discussions were also to be held in finding ways of controlling the trade in chemicals used for illicit drugs



Judge Pickles will soon swap the beach for playing penel games. "A number of opportunities beckon," he says

Maverick judge set to put down his wig — and pick up his pen

THE rather sombre world of the legal establishment looks set to be robbed of its most people and playing God with people's lives, especially if one thinks one has the right anmaverick and colourful member when the outspoken circuit judge, Judge Pickles, hangs up his wig next year. swers - though whether other people would agree is another

The longstanding thorn in the side of legal officialdom confirmed yesterday that from next July, he could retire on full pension after serving 15 years full-time on the bench. "I have not made up my mind." he said. "I am not

committing myself, but I feel at the moment that I probably will retire some time after July. I think I have done

He would not, however, be lost to his admiring public. No doubt to the chagrin of his judicial colleagues, he is likely to assume an equally high profile in panel games, chat shows and writing books and press columns. "A number of opportunities are beckoning."

The judge, who celebrated his 65th birthday two weeks ago, has more than any other come perilously close to being sacked for airing his controversial views in public.

Once off the bench, he says, he could speak even more freely. "I have got things to say to the public that they will be interested in I know a lot about the workings of the law, how the establishment orders things and deals with judges behind the heavy curtain." He will miss the bench,

go to and I like dealing with Mackay was a gentleman. "Everybody likes him." It was under the previous Lord Chancellor, Lord Hail-

He denies that he is under any pressure to retire, although the Lord Chancellor is tion to take over his remarks public house over his jailing of

"Everyone needs an office to is not concluded." Lord in February 1986, he told Lord Hailsham: "I realize you may

sham of St Marylebone whom he tagged a "brooding, quixotic dictator" and pompous, toffee-nosed old Etonian" - that Judge Pickles came closest to dismissal. He considering what, if any, ac- continually defied the rules preventing judges from speakat a press conference held in a ing out in public (these have since been abolished by Lord a teenage mother and her Mackay of Clashfern), and baby. "We are in friendly then went into print over correspondence," he said. "It attempts to silence him. Then,

Newspaper told not to interfere with the law

THE judge in the Lord Linley libel action against the Today newspaper yesterday delivered a strong attack over reports which he said sought to set aside the jury's £35,000 damages award (Frances Gibb writes).

Mr Justice Michael Davies said his attention had been drawn to certain press reports which "appeared whether intentionally or not to set aside the verdict of the jury other than by due process of law".

"This, if uncorrected, can only tend to destabilize the allegations that he was banned rule of law, as well as belittling from a public house in the conscientious members of London after throwing beer the jury who decided in favour over a friend.

of the plaintiff and awarded him compensatory damages of £5,000 for the admitted damages of £30,000 because they were satisfied on the evidence that the newspaper had invented the defamatory matter," the judge said.

The unprecedented issuing of the statement was taken as the strongest of rebukes over press reporting of the Lord Linley award.

The Queen's nephew had sued the newspaper over false

well try to dismiss me. You are certainly ruthless enough and you may well be short-sighted enough." There was

More recently, the judge courted controversy in branding Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, as a "dinosaur living in the wrong age", after the Court of Appeal overturned his decision to jail a young mother and baby for theft.

"The old guard have had their way for too long and they feel they are worried because we are going to reform things. We will win."

A radical over opening up the legal profession and ju-diciary (his favourite summary of its failings is the three Cs: conservatism, complacency and conformity), Judge Pickles nonetheless takes a tough line on sentencing.

As well as jailing the mother and baby for shop theft, he provoked criticism by sending into custody a woman who was frightened to give evidence against the boy friend accused of beating her up.

When he goes, the legal establishment may breathe a sigh of relief, but the public will be looking around for someone to inherit his role as a good to the legal profession. As he puts it, "There's too much conformity. It's time for people to say what they think"

Remarks
to jury
in rape
hearing
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By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

JUDGE Raymond Dean, OC. ploughed deeper into controversy yesterday when he repeated his view made during a rape trial on Tuesday that women don't always mean no when they say no"

As calls came for his resignation, the judge, aged 67, defended his remarks and said he had heard such views over the last 40 years expressed to jurous by more

He said that if his remark it. He would not, however, give any undertaking that he would "not repeat that remark" if, in a similar minority of cases like the one he tried, there was "no support of any allegation of rape".

In spite of criticism from rape victim support groups, women's groups and MPs, the judge refused to back down from his comment to a invest the Central Criminal Court trying Mr Dieter Kemp, aged 39, a German businessman accused, and then acquitted

"In the course of summing up the case and in the context of tack of corroborating evidence, I said: Sometimes and I underline the word sometimes — even if a woman said no she may not really mean no," he said yesterday. After the judge's remarks on Tuesday the Lord Chancelior's officials said that they were calling for a report of what he said.

Yesterday Judge Dean op-ened his remarks by saying: "I wish to say a few words in open court about something that I said in a case tried here earlier this week.

"The charge of rape, and cape when proved, is one of the gravest offences in the criminal calendar. The appropriate sentence in such a case is between five years at the bottom end and life imprisonment at the upper end.

"I have passed such sen-tences, including one of a m sentence of life imprisonment, and I shall continue to do so in future when charges are proven. But it is by no means unknown for a man to be falsely accused of rape and in the case of Kemp the jury found him not guilty after a relatively short deliberation of

one hour." Mr Kemp was acquitted after his defence counsel, Mr Robert Fischel, told the jury sexual intercourse at Kemp's flat in Kings Road, Chelsea. after they drank champagne and Japanese saki and smoked

Mrs Andrey Wise, Labour MP for Preston, said Judge Dean's comment showed he was not competent to be a judge. "This is appalling. It is an invitation to rape and it makes men feel that it is OK." Stamford Brown, aged 36. owner of a dress shop, who was jailed for seven years after being found guilty of rape at the Central Criminal Court, thanked Judge Brian Capstick, QC, and the jury yesterday for



Pop stars help Aids research

Leading pop stars are to record an album and video of Cole Porter songs to raise money for Aids research. They are giving their services free and the Cole Porter estate is

waiving royalties.

At the launch in London yesterday, however, Mr Malcolm Gerrie, executive producer of the Red, Hot and

Plaid Cymru launched a "can pay but won't pay" campaign yesterday for 100 volunteers who will refuse to pay poll tax and challenge its legality in the courts. They include 12 members of the party's national executive but not its three MPs,

Hanging plea

Mr Patrick O'Brien, president of the Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors, said yesterday the Irish Govern-ment should re-think its plans

Police are hunting a man who rammed a mechanical digger into a two-storey office block on Marine Parade, Southampton, yesterday, leaving it on the verge of collapse and caus-ing £400,000 worth of damage.

driver who was blind in one eye and who, as he manoeuvred between lanes, had no sense of what was happening

locked up in the dungeon of the 11th-century Lincoln Castie, where they can dine from an 18th-century prison menu.

A white Mediterranean stork has brought bird watchers flocking to the north Norfolk coast. The breed has been sighted in the area only four times this century.

Firm is fined £1/4m after fatal blast

By Anthony Hodges

whose van blew up killing a accident in which an emfireman and devastating an ployee lost part of his arm in industrial estate, was fined £250,000 vesterday. It is the largest fine imposed

in England or Wales for a breach of Health and Safety

company, a wholly owned subsidiary of ICI, had been fined £100,000 with £30,000 costs last month after an explosion at its North Wales

At Dumfries Court in 1988 the offence.

tion said yesterday.

is the issue of the 1990s.

a consultant psychiatrist at the Central Middlesex Hospital in

London believes it is un-

acceptable that Britain, where

37 per cent of marriages are dissolved, has the joint highest

divorce rate in Europe with

Denmark and the third high-

est in the world after the US

the organization's new name,

its attitude. "We need to go

and the Soviet Union.

factory in which two employ-

AN EXPLOSIVES company, it was fined £1,000 for an

Judge Astill said that every journey since 1985 to the Fengate industrial estate in Peterborough with specially residential areas.

had not gone through the packaging and transport arrangements for a new product.

Mr Phil Dent, for the Health and Safety Executive, said after the hearing that it was satisfied the size of the fine reflected the severity of

Industry urged to help cut level of divorce in Britain

in reducing the divorce rate in executives, most of whom are needs to be addressed in the men, to appreciate the im-portance of the home/work relationship," he said. Britain, a research organiza-The Marriage Research "Society has not grasped the future." Centre, which has renamed

adverse consequences of di-vorce. We have separated itself One Plus One to take account of social change which has led to couples living work from home life but we together, has taken the first are now beginning to realize steps towards persuading companies that the relationproductivity, for family life, ship between work and home for health and for the country as a whole." The organization, founded in 1971 by Dr Jack Dominian, Dr Dominian, chairman of

One Plus One, said he had approached a number of large companies, including Marks & Spencer, on the subject of providing counselling for employees. The response was

Now the aim is to encourage zation was aiming at include firms to go a step further and the clergy, which needed to undertake to train managers, take a greater role in supportso that they are more ing marriages after the cere-Speaking at the launch of approachable and can recomony had taken place, and the ognize stress and problems dissemination of research mahad to be persuaded to change come serious issues.

beyond simple counselling we can change attitudes over an earlier stage.

COMPANIES have a key role and change the outlook of night. This is an issue that already realizing the important role of women in the

Miss Penny Mansfield, the organization's deputy director, who has been undertaking detailed research on couple shown that there was an association between work performance and stability in personal relationships.

"We want to create a climate in the workplace where people can seek help if they have personal problems long consider counselling." Other key areas the organi-

Dr Dominian said industry among staff before they be terial to doctors, teachers, had to be persuaded to change come serious issues. "We have no illusions that so they could help couples at

Executive regulations. dapted fuse heads had been Judge Astill, at Peter-borough Crown Court, also ordered the Nobels Explosives the source of potential devas-Blue project, said that it was tation with lorries passing still without a sponsor "be-cause of the stigma of Aids". through densely populated Company to pay costs of £92,000. Mr David Richardson, for It pleaded guilty to failing to Poll tax protest the company, said the acconduct its undertaking in cident had occurred because such a way as to ensure its an adaptation to an existing employees and others were fuse head had been requested not exposed to risks to health by the fireworks company. and safety. The "intermediate" product

to abolish the death penalty.

Offices rammed

The road ahead Police conducting sight tests on the M1 found a coach

on his left side. Holiday lock-up Tourists to Lincoln are being invited to spend their nights

New arrival

Teachers demand parents' pledge to curb bullying

By David Tytler, Education Editor

PARENTS should be asked to don, fold the assembly: • A girl aged seven who drew sign an agreement requiring "Bullying not only takes place a known on a five-year-old. their schoolmates, a teachers' union was told yesterday.

Mrs Judith Seymour, a teacher at Sedgehill School, was estimated that 1.5 million children are being bullied regularly at school every year.

bly of the Assistant Master staff room by other teachers and Mistresses Association in who had told stories about her Blackpool that every school to the head and snatched prospectus should publish the newspapers that she was extent of builying.

Parents should then sign an agreement with the schoolbefore their children were admitted, promising to ensure that they would not take part in bullying. If the children were later found to have bullied other pupils, parents would be involved in any disciplinary action.

victims suffered in silence and schools should consider setting up bully courts, run by pupils but overseen by teachers, as now happens in about including being thrown off a

Miss Bridget Sam-Bailey, of St Mark's Church of England School, Fulham, south Lon- and for a dislocated shoulder. could be in real trouble."

their children not to bully in the playground and in the classroom but I dare say in the Department of Education and staff room. To ignore it would

be to normalize a criminal act. "It is a disease of the heart Catford, south London, said it which should be eradicated before it affects the lung and

Miss Sam-Bailey said that She told the annual assem- she had been bullied in the

> She said there were many recent examples of bullying: ● A boy aged 14 at a private being forced to record a tape about his experiences with girls and told it would be played at the school dance. girl aged 15 in Scotland who ran away from school rather than face bullying.

 A boy killed by a van as he tried to escape his assailants. ■ A boy attacked 50 times bus. During four hospital visits he was treated for injuries to his spleen, kidneys

The union agreed to ask the Science to carry out a study on bullying in schools.

Mrs Inez Preston, president of the association, sought separate rooms for teachers who wished to smoke. She said that it was essential to safeguard personal rights against "the outrageous sug-gestions being made which include a ban on hiring teach-

ers who smoke". Mr Philip Brooks, of Not tinghamshire, said: "We should not put our colleagues in the position where they have to go round the back of the bike sheds if they want to

Clevedon School, Bristol, said: "It is unfortunate that smokers are likely to become staff-room pariahs but there is simply not enough room to find separate accommodation so that one person can calm

FARMER John Waterer and

his wife Fiona head off from

Devon, in their covered wagon

by two heavy horses, is the

perfect way for visitors to soak

rolling countryside.
In good weather 12 pas-

neers can roll up the canvas

sides of the wagon as they take

the four-mile trip around Twitchen, where Mr Waterer

and his wife run a small sheep and cattle farm. He said: "We

will be running the trips until September and hope to take

out three or four groups a

week. It is not a huge industry

Mr Peter Smith, joint general secretary, said: "Schools must have a policy on smok ing for staff. If they don't they

Freight firm fined over beagle deaths

Farmer hitches his wagon to tourism's star

On Easter Monday they are to gin rural rides for tourists £5,000 yesterday after 79 beagle puppies with trips across Exmoor.

Mr Waterer, aged 30, believes that the wagon, drawn

sufficated on board its lorry while on a ferry bound for Sweden.

Monock Freight was also ordered to pay £4,150 costs after being found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering.

The 79 beagles were part of a consignment of 100 being taken from Alpha Sirius kennels of Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, to a Swedish pharmaceutical company which was to use them to test drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

They were carried on a closed lorry with no independent ventilation system, and passengers on the Harwich to Gothenburg ferry said they heard the dogs screaming as they suffocated.

Monock Freight, of Feltham, west

carried by road and sea in a way likely to cause them unnecessary suffering. Mr Thomas Bernard, chairman of Harwich magistrates, said the bench had

London, denied causing the beagles to be

found that the vehicle was unsuitable for carrying the dogs and therefore the company was guilty. The court was told that Mr John Weber, a Monock Freight director, had

received hate mail and needed 24-hour Mr Frank Gillibrand, for the defence, said Monock was a family-run business and that Mr Weber had suffered both

personally and professionally from the publicity surrounding the case. "Mr Weber was as horrified as anybody else by what took place. Since this incident the company has not had

anything to do with the cargo of dogs." he said.

Miss Louise Molyneux, of the National Anti-Vivisection Society, said: The export of live animals for experimentation should be banned. They may be subjected to experiments that would be illegal in this country."

 An RSPCA official made a renewed call for dog registration yesterday after disclosing record numbers of animal

cruelty cases in Wales. There were 150 convictions for cruelty in Wales last year, compared with 99 the previous year. Seventy-eight of the cases

involved ill-treatment of dogs. Mr Bill Cottingham, an RSPCA regional superintendent, said registration would provide a framework to keep track of arresponsible owners.

Labour sees vote winner in record on nursery schools

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

LABOUR'S education team esterday entered the battle for control of local authorities with the release of figures showing that parents have less than a 30 per cent chance of getting their children into a nursery school if they live in a Conservative-run authority.

Mr Jack Straw, Labour's front-bench education spokesman, said that figures supplied by the Department of Education and Science revealed that the "top 22 providers of education for three and four have places. The issue of

vear olds were all Labour authorities". He said there were no Labour-run Local Education Authorities in England among the bottom 30 of the 96 education authorities.

At the top of Labour's list is Walsall in the West Midlands where 92.6 per cent of children under five have places in locally funded nursery and infant schools or classes.

This compares with West Sussex, a Tory authority where 9 per cent of children

increasingly pressing for both parties as larger numbers of women wish to return to work

Industry too has been anxious to encourage mothers, notably those with degrees and other specialist skills, to return to work to fill an ever widening skills-gap.

The best performance from a Tory authority in providing nursery places for local child-ren came from Solibul where 65 per cent of children can be accommodated - a better showing than nearby Birming ham (64.1 per cent) which is

While northern authorities manage to provide extensive facilities for toddlers, eight local authorities in the south offer less than a fifth of those aged three and four places in primary schools. They are Hampshire, Wiltshire, Ox-fordshire, Buckinghamshire, Bromley (nowth lands) Bromley (south London), Hereford and Worcestershire,

Kent and West Sussex. The Labour team rejected the suggestion that nursery provision in the South was low because demand was low. In areas where demand had been measured such as Strathclyde and Manchester, local authorities had discovered it was not being met. In North Typeside 87.3 per cent of children aged three to four receive formal education, Salford (85 per cent), Liverpool (83.9 per cent), and South

Typeside (83.1 per cent). A spokeswoman for the Department of Education and Science said that the "participation rate for three to four year olds in some form of educational experience is 86 per cent" across the country. This includes child care and playgroups.

■ The Government yesterday announced a 7 per cent increase in places available on teacher training courses in England and Wales over the

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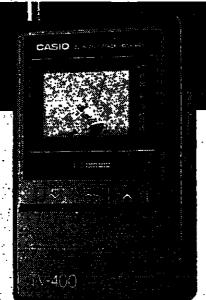
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Social fund paid £2m to people not eligible for help

paid from the social fund to cause the amount allocated money, while those eligible for help were denied it when the single payment system and fund ran out of money, an Audit Office report disclosed

Another £400,000 was wrongly distributed in overpayments to claimants, according to the report, which goes on to criticize the Department of Social Security's accounting system.

Mr John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General decided to "qualify" the social fund account - which means it is not approved in its entirety - because there was significant doubt about the accuracy of the figures from 1988-89, its first full year of

The social fund, designed as a safety net for the poor, provides interest-free loans for essential items such as cookers, bedding and furniture, replacing the system of single payments that operated until April 1988. Grants from the fund cover funeral expenses. maternity, community care and cold weather payments.

The fund has come under

NEARLY £2 million has been heavy criticism, partly be- of the Department of Social (£198 million in 1988) was half that spent under an earlier partly because it has been badly administered. The High Court ruled this year that the Government had acted unlawfully in setting cash limits at local benefit offices.

> "There has never been a more disaster-prone way of paying benefit," Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's social security spokesman said yesterday. "The court said it was illegal to cash-limit budgets. Now the Audit Office had condemned its chaotic and inefficient operation. This report ought to be the social fund's final nail."

The National Audit Office estimated that £1.9 million had been paid out wrongly in budgeting loans and £400,000 had been overpaid in maternity, funeral payments and community care grants.

payments in the account amounted to £2.3 million, representing 1.2 per cent of total payments," Mr Bourn said. .The report was also critical for loan repayments, most of which are deducted weekly from applicants' other benefits, such as income support. It is up to benefit sections to notify social fund officers

when repayments start and when they have been fully repaid. However, a faulty computer system indicate that borrowers had repaid more than they actually had. Mr Bourn said that even

though the department had tried six versions of the com puter software, there were still discrepancies in the figures. "I consider that there is significant doubt about the accuracy of the figures for

repayments of budgeting loans (£40.1 million) and repay ments of crisis loans (£7.7 million) as presented in the account," Mr Bourn said. "Furthermore I consider there must be uncertainty over the accuracy of figures for loans outstanding totalling £75.8 million at 31 March 1989." "I estimated, therefore, that the overall level of over-

His audit also found accounting errors where pay ments had been incorrectly charged to other social secunity accounts.



Jimmy Savile, the television personality and find raiser, kept on training for the London Marathon yesterday while ordering a £750,000 scanner for Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The order form was handed to him to sign "on the run" by Mr Masaki Miztani, of Mitsei pic which is supplying the machine. Money for the scanner, the world's smallest magnetic resonance imager, was raised through the Jimmy Savile Trust

Building heritage to be audited

THE biggest audit undertaken of Britain's built heritage is to be carried out by the Civic Trust, sponsored to the sum of £40,000 by Mortgage Express, a branch of the Trustee Savings bank (Simon Tait writes).

The trust is to circulate detailed questionnaires to its 500,000 members in 1,000 branches across the country, Mr Martin Bradshaw, its director, said.

"We have to lobby the Government on

behalf of our members, and we don't have a clear understanding of exactly what they think of the area in which they live.

"We believe there is very strong feeling about poor design and greenfield development, but we want to make sure we represent members' views and sharpen our approach; and we want to be able to put ssure on the Department of the Environment on the right points."

Increased fees send up cost of

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent THE cost of selling a home has ing Employers Confederation

gone up sharply in the last year, largely because of in-creased fees by "hard pressed" estate agents, although the cost of buying is slightly lower, the Woolwich Building Society says in its annual cost-of-

In England and Wales the average estate agent's fee has risen to nearly 2.5 per cent of the selling price, including VAT, compared with last year's figure of 1.9 per cent.

For a £100,000 property the average total cost of selling is £2,871, £378 more than in 1989. Agents charge £2,478 to sell a property of that value, an increase of £432.

The Woolwich says that the highest increase in agents' fees has been in the South, due to the sluggish property market. In Greater London, agents in Bromley are charging the most, an average 2.9 per cent of the selling price. In the South-east, Luton has the most expensive agents, charg-ing on average 3.5 per cent. Fees in Oxford are the cheapest at around 2.6 per cent.

The cost of buying a £100,000 home is £40 less -£1.855 - compared with last year, the result of increased competition for conveyancing and reduced charges by removal firms.

to negotiate fees for buying and selling. The average solicitor's fee for buying a £100,000 Today it is £416. To sell at the £393 compared with £447 a

More than 1,000,000 households moved during 1989, months from the date a mortgage offer was made.

 Local authorities are conto secure building maintemee contracts in spite of the expects from us." 1988 Local Government Act which was introduced to the contracts, the Build efficient.

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claims today. The confederation says that a recent survey conducted in the construction industry re-

vealed "disturbing" signs of

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Councils spend around £1 billion on day-to-day building contracts and the survey suggests that some local authorities take advantage of loopholes to discourage private

The confederation is calling on the Government to curb these abuses and recommends that more resources should be devoted to monitoring the implementation of the 1988 Act.

Architects call for 'green' aid

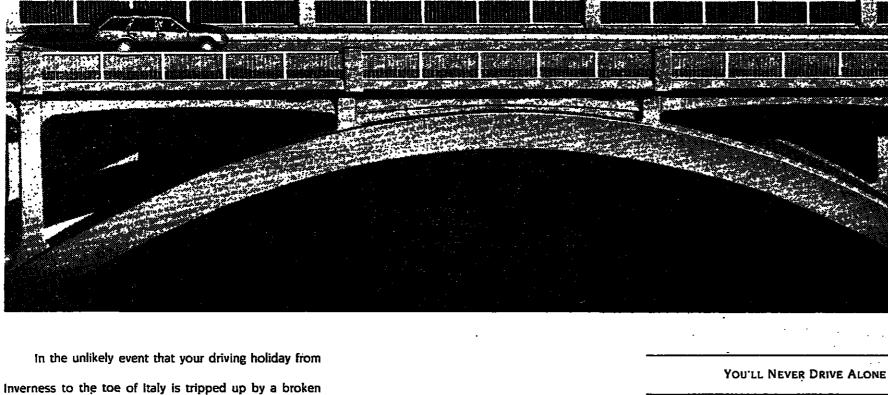
TAX perks and lower VAT charges should be introduced environmentally friendly building materials, the Royal Institute of British Architects (Riba) said yesterday (Chrisopher Warman writes).

It also argued for laws phasing out the use of harmful chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in new buildings, and called on the Government to inclu these recommendations in the Environment White Paper.

Riba said that tax incentives could improve insulation standards, saving energy loss. It wants the introduction of mandatory energy efficiency ratings for all new buildings on the lines of fuel-saving standards for cars.

Mr Max Hutchinson, Riba president, said: "We desperately need hard factual information if we are to be tinuing to use unfair methods able to take the responsible

Under new regulations homes built after April 1 must encourage fair competition for be 20 per cent more energy



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Horace as father of modern PR

By Philip Howard

at the University of Kent at nas circle. Canterbury yesterday considered Horace as forefather of the Saatchi brothers and our other crafty image-makers.

Dr Oliver Lyne of Balliol gave a paper on Horace's the pretty wrapping paper they prudent image building in the come in. The bare analytic perilous 30s BC, when the argument at their centre.
Three Men ruled the world comes gift-wrapped in chamiand a bad image could be a ing stories about Sociates passport to Hades.

had two secret chips on his conversation about the way shoulders. Although he was the world works. well off, because his father had made his way up into the middle classes, he had been the hard philosophy, the ficimpoverished by the Civil tion, and allusion, and irony, War. Horace had become economically dependent on his patron. His position was embarrassingly like that of the primitive client-poer a bit above the butler, but not much. Horace would dearly have liked to avoid this loss of independence and gentility.

His second sensitivity was the patronage of Maccenas, the right-hand man of the regime that had defeated the Republican cause. Horace had fought as a senior officer for the Republicans.

rat-fink and turncoat. But Dr that the Roman attitudes to the future for the next four ours. Writing about fause centuries, was at pains to pre- was a romantic liferary go sent houself in his Satires as Country Living more, the having opted out of politics al. Farmer's Weeley.

WAS the poet Horace the first together, and as just good PR-man and advertising flack friends (nothing mercensry, in the Western world? The you understand) in the Gar-Classical Association meeting nick Club mafia of the Macce-

Dr M M Mackenzie of New Hall, Cambridge, had a close encounter of the dialectical kind with Plato. One of the puzzles of Plato's dialogues is bumping into friends and Dr Lyne argued that Horace acquaintances, and falling into

> You might think that the frilly bits around the edge of are subterfuges to lure de into the hard stuff in the middle.

Dr Mackenzie argued that on the contrary the wrapping is an essential part of the argument. The framework is part of the philosophy, the thetoric works with the logic to produce the state of psychological discomfiure, that he had solicited and won Socrates used on his collocutros and subseq readers. All Western philosophy is carrying on an intricate and enchapting conversation started by Plato 24 centuries ago.

It might have occured to the Mr Jeremy Paterson, of unkind to think of Horace as a Newcastle University, showed Lyne showed how Horace, un- the countryside in their littil the Battle of Actium settled erature were as artificial 45

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Rafsanjani paper boosts hopes for Western hostages

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

FRESH hopes for movement pragmatic wing of the Iranian Muslims held in Israeli jails in Lebanon's long running leadership headed by Presi should also be considered as bostage crisis were raised yes dent Rafsanjani. terday when a leading Tehran all their hostages still in

captivity. The call was welcomed by Western officials aware of the prime role to be played by Iran m any deal to free Westerners held in Lebanon, but they cautioned that it must be seen

ent Rafsanjani. hostages, emphasized: "The Referring to the couple Islamic Republic has time and paper called for Tuesday's released in West Beirut on again announced its outright release of three Europeans by Tuesday with their daughter opposition to hostage-taking Palestinian kidnappers to be after a covert deal between as the country finds it Palestinian kidnappers to be after a covert deal between as the country mass the catalyst for the freeing of Paris and the Libyan leader, contradictory with the Islamic the catalyst for the freeing of Paris and the Libyan leader, contradictory with the Islamic Colonel Gadaffi, the paper declared the hope that their freedom was "a prelude to the relations."
freedom of all the hostages, regardless of their nationality, rected to

The comment, the wide cautioned that it must be seen in the light of a deep split inside Iran's leadership on the question.

The freedom demand was the third and strongest issued by the Tehran Times since it began in February to campaign publicly for an end to holding hostages. The paper is the main mouthpiece of the circulation of which by the Iranian news agency Iran was inside Iranian news agency Iran was part of the bitter struggle between pragmatists and radicals over the hostages, added unequivocally: "In fact, the issue of hostage-taking should come to an end for all, without discrimination."

The newspaper, which noted that large numbers of circulation of which by the

Gadaffi praise sets off outcry

JUST a day after three former concluded that M Mitterhostages were released in west rand's effusive expression of Beirut as a result of France's covert deal with Libya, the press has sharply criticized the praise lavished on Colonel Gadaffi by President Mitter-

rand and other politicians. Widespread agreement that France scored a diplomatic in its own refusal of any success in securing the free-dom of Mme Jacqueline Valente, who is French, her Belgian companion, Mr Fernand Houtekins, and Sophie-Liberté, their young daughter, after 880 days in capitivity was matched by unease about handing a significant public-

relations coup to what one newspaper denounced as "the real jailer" in Tripoli. For La Quotidien de Paris, been confined to a brief the conservative daily, the comment by M Roland Du-Foreign Ministry's communique hailing the Libyan lead- "The proof of the success of er for his role in negotiating our policy is that those three the deal with the Abu Nidal are back here," he told the

whose front-page comment criticize us simply don't know maintained that the Libyan the real facts, M Dumas said." Government into "saluting

him, cap in hand". paper added, that Colonel Gadaffi was behind the kidnapping of the hostages aboard the Silco, their converted fishing boat - hence they had actually been held in Tripoli and were handed over to Abu Nidal only for the carefully staged characle of

their release in Beirut. Even the left-of-centre Liberation, normally supportive selves are under of the Socialist Government, Paris hospital.

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

thanks went too far. As for Le Monde, widely considered a touchstone of the Socialist Government's thinking, it conceded that there was some justification in Britain's furious reaction. "Intransigent contact with hostage takers, Great Britain has a fine time laying down the law to us, pointing out that France ... is making a mockery of (Euro-

pean) Community resolutions on terrorism," it said. Although the Government can safely ignore its critics, a certain defensiveness is be-

Its public reaction has so far Palestinian terror group was state-run television channel, outrageous. "The king of Antenne 2, which had disexplosives becomes the king of hearts," it observed in a scathing editorial.

Times of yesterday to illustrate how critically the deal More stern criticism from with Colonel Gadaffi had been the right came in Le Figuro, received abroad. "People who

the authorities to ensure that Mme Valente and Mr Houte-It had always been clear, the kins said nothing to the many journalists awaiting their return to France on Tuesday also suggests that some aspects of l'affaire Silco may still be

> A press conference called by members of their families in Paris yesterday failed to shed any significant light on the exact terms under which their release was negotiated.

kept under wraps.

The released hostages themselves are undergoing tests in a

Camera-shy prisoner linked to candidate's death



Two members of the Colombian Intelligence and Security Agency forcing Señor Gustavo Mesa Meneses, said to have confessed to killing a journalist last year, to pose for the press in Bogotá on Tuesday. The police believe he was implicated in the assassination of Bernardo Jaramillo, the left-wing presidential candidate, and say they have "indisputable proof" that the killing was ordered by drug barons

Californian offensive against tobacco firms

From Charles Brenner, New York

television yesterday to find an array of tough anti-smoking

told Parliament that the new advertisements accusing the tobacco companies of racism, attacks should be launched in revenge for the resolution by cynicism and manipulation. the US Senate to declare The \$29 million (£17 mil-Jerusalem as Israel's capital. • BRUSSELS: The Fatah the state from a new cigarette tax, constitutes an aggressive new approach to weaning the American public from the tobacco habit. Given Califor-Revolutionary Council of Abu Nidal, which released three

print advertisements aimed at

Similar advertisements are

being published in Spanish.

Vietnamese, Laotian, Chinese

and other languages. Minority

races are being singled out

because the tobacco com-

panies have focused intensely

on marketing cigarettes to

non-white groups and to women as the habit has fallen

Cigarette advertising has

been banned on radio and

television in the United States

since 1970, but, unlike in

Europe, smoking is still por-trayed in print and poster

sharply among white men.

ges on Tuesday, has issued encouraging signals that Belgium's four remaining captives may be released shortly, despite its insistence follow its lead. on two key conditions (Peter Guilford writes). "I hope we will be able to release the Hontekins family

soon, as we have just done with the family of Jacqueline Valente," said Mr Walid Khaled, an FRC spokesman. Mr Emmanuel Housekins, his wife Godelieve Kats and Valérie, aged 18 and 19, were kidnapped from the same boat as his brother Fernand. Mme Jacqueline Valente and their daughter Sophie-Liberté. Mr Khaled claimed that the four

teachings and regards it a scrious violation of human

. Its message was clearly di-

rected to members of Hez-

bollah, the pro-Iranian umbrella group holding most

imprisoned in Lebanon. But its followers have shown themselves loyal to Ali Akbar mer Interior Minister who warned last month: "Freeing the hostages would unleash the blood-drinking wolves." Mr Mohteshemi's hard line has been boosted by the uncompromising stand of the

Iranian Parliament, which on March 25 presented the Gov-

erament with a statement signed by 170 of its 270 members demanding an end

to the campaign to free the

A diplomat said that the Parliament's radical make-up

The split in Iran's leader-

would not be altered before

ship was clearly shown yes-terday when a leading deputy issued a bellicose call for US military bases and economic and political interests abroad

to be the target of a new wave of attacks by Islamic militants.

parliamentary deputy, Qorban Ali Salehabadi, who

The demand came from a

had all been agents of Mossad, the Israeli secret service. Abu Nidal is still insisting that a Palestinian bomber, Nasser Al Said, in jail in Louvain, Belgium, for bombing an Antwerp synagogue 10 years ago, be released first. The Belgian authorities, too, must "limit the activities" of CALIFORNIANS opened the advertising as a glamorous newspapers and switched on activity.

The targeting of blacks by cigarette firms has prompted some black leaders to accuse the companies of "genocide". In New York, California and other states, black activists lion) offensive, financed by have been painting over cigarette advertisements in public

"When you drive through the ghetto, all you see are cigarette and alcohol ads." nia's role as pioneer in social said Mr Paul Keye, the chairissues, other states are likely to man of the Los Angeles agency which is producing the anti-"Cigarette smoking kills cigarette advertisements. blacks more than whites," "The ads are about exploitaruns the slogan in one of a tion. They are about battery of commercials and genocide."

alerting smokers to deceptions fire in full-page advertise-employed by tobacco comments. "Warning: The topanies. In another, a black youth sings about tobacco: friend," says a "health warning" in the same format as the

The companies come under

new smokers to replace the thousands who give up or die each day. Demonic laughter is heard as one man says: "Forget all that cancer-heart disease-emphysema-stroke stuff. Gentlemen, we are not in this for our health."

Dr Kenneth Kizer, the state's Health Director, said the campaign, by far the biggest of its type launched in America, is intended to persuade smokers that smoking is 'dumb, dirty and dangerous". About 30,000 Californians are estimated to die from smokine-related diseases every

The new 25-cent-per-packet tax which pays for the advertisements was approved by 58 per cent of the electorate in a referendum last year. The tobacco industry is

engaged in a costly counter-offensive against draconian One 30-second commercial majority of states. It is now shows men in a dark room expected to intensify its movement, began a fast until discussing ways of wooing campaigning in California.

Tanks in Karachi as tension mounts

From Zahid Hussain, Karachi

TANKS and armoured cars were deployed in Karachi yesterday as tension mounted following the death of a leader of the ruling Pakistan People's Party. He was allegedly shot arrested on the murder charge by supporters of the opposition Mohajir Qaumi Move-ment (MQM).

Mr Najib Ahmed, president of the People's Student Federation (PSF), a student wing of the Pakistan People's Party, was seriously wounded in a gun battle on Sunday. Police have arrested Mr Khalid Bin Walid, a leader of the Mohajir movement, for the murder of Mr Ahmed.

Supporters of the ruling People's Party and the movement, a militant nationalist organization of the Urduspeaking Mohajirs, had been involved in gun battles for the past five days, resulting in at least 20 deaths.

the key leader of the Mohajir death on Sunday in protest Karachi and Sind provinces.

against the alleged killing of Mohajirs by the ruling People's Party. He has refused to call off his

fast until the Mohajir activist is released. Mr Hussain has appealed to President Ishaq Khan of Pakistan to intervene so as to defuse the situation. Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, in a statement, condemned the murder of Mr Ahmed, and said her Government would not surrender to the terroristlike activities.

She said people involved in murder would not be freed. However, she offered to open a dialogue with the opposition movement

Leaders of the combined opposition parties, which includes the Mohajir movement, were meeting in Lahore yesterday to discuss the vol-The situation took a turn for atile situation in Karachi, The blamed Miss Bhutto's Government of creating strife in

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Hunt for killer in 3 nations

after a convicted West German bank robber shot and killed a 42-year-old policeman at a motorway rest area near Aachen and then made off-into Belgium with two pregnant taxi drivers as hostages

(lan Murray writes).

Having shaken off police pursuit, he drove to Liege, freeing both women unharmed in a small town south of the city, before disappearing. Police have identified him as Wolfgang Wendt, aged 40, convicted of two bank robberies and sentenced to three and a half years in prison in

Double hulls for tankers

New York - The Conoco company broke ranks with other world oil corporations yesterday and announced that it was ordering two new tankers built with double bulls designed to reduce the danger of oil spills like that of the Exxon Valdez last year (Charles Bremner writes).

In double hull tankers, both the sides and the bottom have mner and outer plates with a space between. The industry has been opposing attempts by the US Congress to require

Barriers to beat seaweed

Rome - Italy is taking drastic steps to ensure that algae does not ruin the 1990 holiday season as it did the summer of 1989 (Paul Bompard writes). A newly formed Adriatic Authority is to anchor 20 miles of specially designed barriers in the Adriatic to repel the feared tide of rotting seaweed.

Surrealist soap hailed as a TV turning point

Mossad on Belgian soil.

From Charles Brenmer, New York

AMERICAN viewers have confounded the sceptics and turned in their tens of millions to a new prime-time soap opera that leaps so far beyond the reassuring traditional type that it is being hailed as a turning-point for US mass culture.

Launched by the ABC on Sunday night, Twin Peaks, a serialized drama directed by David Lynch, the avant-garde film-maker, is the most ambitions experiment so far by one of the old commercial networks in the battle to preserve their crumbling hold of the nation's television sets in "prime time", the peak and most lucrative viewing hours.

In Britain, where the offbeat such as The Singing Detective or Monty Python have always co-existed with more commonplace output there would be little surprise over Twin Peaks, a subversive, Gothic melodrama that plays on the soap formula observed from Peyton Place to Dynasty. In the multi-billion dollar stakes for US viewership tinkering with the formula amounts to heresy.

The ratings for Sunday's opening broadcast showed that 33 per cent of the viewing audience timed in - by far the top figure for any programme that night. However, the networks and advertising business are waiting to see how many people stick with it.

Twin Peaks is strange by any standards. Lynch, who was acclaimed for films such as Elephant Man, Dune and Blue Velvet, starts with all the comforting cliches, showing an imaginary sawmill town in the remote Pacific North-west reacting to a minder in its midst Gradually the charac-ters, from the sheriff to the

FBI man and the greedy factory owner, slip out of

normality. A tough, burly policeman begins weeping uncontrollably at the sight of a body. "Would you leave us please," the FBI man asks a morgue attendant.

The man replies: "My name's Jim." The narrative then dislocates into a moody surreal fantasy, more in keeping with a European art house film. The question exercising the industry is whether the viewing millions will take to such a deviant satire in enough numbers to eschew the sports, police shows and situation

middle evening. The mass-market press has been preparing the audience for weeks with primers on the bizarre visions of Lyoch "You are in for a treat or a trauma, maybe both," said USA Today in an attempt to explain that there is no indication whether they are meant to

comedies that usually rule the

laugh or cry or even understand it. The critics have spared few superlatives on the

> new appreciation of wit and creative quality. The nation's couch potatoes are lapping up the surprise hit of the year -America's Funniest Home Videos. This compilation of home-video films sent in by the public has jumped into the top half dozen shows in the

quality of Twin Peaks, defined by one as an "existential Peyson Place". It is being hailed as historic, a breakthrough and a cultural turning

Mr Robert Igen, president of ABC entertainment, says the experiment is "a case of a network having the desire and guts to try different television forms ... and the feel of this programme is unlike that of any other programme on TV".

Not all the critics, however, were enraptured by the new series. Tony Kornheiser, a columnist with The Washington Post, called it "so strange and icy and meandering I was surprised it wasn't in Swedish. I know this is supposed to be the best television show of all time. I just think it started a little slowly".

The sudden creative spirit

among the old conglomerates

is a response to the inroads

rivals. In 1979, 97 per cent of television viewers tuned to ABC, NBC and CBS. By last year the number had dropped to 67 per cent - nearly 60 per cent of US households now watch cable television and two in three have video recorders. This, some experts say, will force the networks to abandon broadcasting to the widest mass in favour of "narrow-casting" to particular demographic groups. But not all the recent

changes are the product of a



David Lynch: Acclaimed

From Tim Judah, Bucharest and Alan McGregor, Geneva

THE visit of exiled King tion Front which dominates Michael of Romania hung in the Romanian Government the balance last night as the Bucharest Government ap- live here he's not aware of the pealed for him to postpone his political situation. There are trip until after Romania's general elections on May 20.

A statement said that: "The visit and the publicity around it are seen as a political gesture of a nature to bring unwanted also urged the exiled king to elements into the election postpone his visit because, it campaign, fan new passion, said: "In the present condition and violence may occur, in which various extremist Therefore the obvious danger has emerged that the ex-king become unintentionally involved in obscure manipulations that may affect his existing conflict and put his

But King Michael's secretary said yesterday: "Every-thing stands, as arranged," and the king's daughter, the exiled Princess Margerita, also said: "The trip is still on, as a king". He said the Governarranged." The king was not ment regarded this as a probavailable for personal lem, "because we've hardly

Switzerland and travels on a British passport was due to arrive at Bucharest airport this tween ethnic Hungarians and Bucharest airport this state of the state of t afternoon on what would be Romanians in Transylvania. his first visit home since his enforced abdication in 1947. Mr Salvau Brucan, a senior king means that both the advisor to the National Salva- National Salvation Front and

in favour of his visit and they want to make publicity out of

The Government statement groups openly urge violence, it is ever more obvious that the ex-king's visit in this period is of a nature to exacerbate the personal safety in danger." Mr Brucan said the Govern-

ment did not fear that King Michael might be assas smated, but that "even a hostile reception is enough for succeeded in calming things King Michael, who lives in done after the events of Tirgu

> The Romanian Government's appeal to the exiled after the elections, on its



Radu Campeanut, the leader of the National Liberal Party appealed to King Michael to postpone his visit. Privately top officials of the National Peasant Party also admit that they are against the trip.

In fact, all the major poiitical sources regard the issue of the monarchy as something of an irrelevance, although the two main opposition parties have called for a referendum,

cent of those asked would be tempted to come.

Meanwhile, officials in King Michael's Bucharest of-fice said that they were unconcerned government's statement and that the visit was still on. They said that they did not fear for the ex-king's safety nor were they afraid that he would be refused entry at Bucharest's Otopeni airport.

Yesterday evening Mr

the main opposition parties restoration. A recent Paris Brucan said that he "didn't the visit were made in Buare in a rare state of Match poll of 817 people in know" if the king would be charest by a woman friend of agreement Last weekend Mr Bucharest found that 78 per turned back if he still at the family who went there A spokesman for the king and his family said on April 4 that their intention was to

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King Michael, aged 68, was to be accompanied by his wife, Anne, 64, and three of their five daughters. The eldest, Margerita, aged 42, and one of her sisters, visited Bucharest

charest by a woman friend of the family who went there earlier this month. A family spokeswoman described her as "one of the outstanding and that their intention was to dedicated people who have make "a private visit, a couple taken Romania to their hearts many friends have rallied

> King Michael was forced to abdicate by the Communists in 1947. In exile he has worked for Lear Jet, in the electronics industry and as a

round to help and support us in these extraordinary times."

Critics pillory
Walesa for
Craving power

From A Correspondent, Warsaw

Ir Lech Walesa, the Solidarleader, insisted yesterthere was a constant of the decisionthere was a constant

ity leader, insisted yesterday that his decision to run for president does not stem from a craving for power but from the need to help Poland in

speeding its reforms.

But there are those who think differently - beginning with the former Communist Party. Its newspaper printed a cartoon of Mr Walesa wearing Napoleon's hat and preening before a mirror at Belweder Palace where the current President and former party leader, Mr Wojciech Jaru-

Through leaked information to reporters on the eve of President Jaruzelski's visit to Moscow, Mr Walesa let it be known he will run for state president "in the next elections" - which would be as early as next year despite the fact that Mr Jaruzelski's term does not expire until 1995.

"I want to help Poland in its reforms but not to take over power," Mr Walesa told reporters in Gdansk after talks with the Czechoslovak Dep-uty Prime Minister, Mr Jan

Carnogursky, Mr Carnogursky, who speaks fluent Polish, said he endorsed Mr Walesa. "If I were Polish, I would vote for Walesa as president," he said.

But some intellectuals are concerned that Mr Walesa whose stewardship of the Solidarity Union has been called dictatorial by his critics, and who is not known to mince words - is not the right man for this sensitive job.
"Why can't Walesa just be
Walesa?" asked one Solidarity

supporter who believes the gruff, down-to-earth elec-trician is better suited to keeping the population in line in his current role,

Mr Walesa is probably feeling a little isolated these days in Gdansk, especially after turning down opportunities to be either President or Prime Minister last year in the hectic days after Solidarity's overwhelming - and totally unexpected - landslide elec-

unexpected — landslide election victory.

His hand-picked Prime
Minister, Mr Tadeusz
Mazowiecki, made it clear
early on that while both
shared the ideals of Solidarity,
he would be his own man — to
the point of ignoring Mr
Walesa's advice on how to
choose his cabinet choose his cabinet.

Then in December Mr Walesa's Czechoslovak Vaclav Havel, was propelled into the presidency — and the international spotlight — by

Perhaps Mr Walesa was piqued when a jubilant Havel returned in mid-February from a triumphant visit to the United States to Prague declaring Czechoslovakia was now "America's favorite country". For the following week, the Solidarity chief snubbed the Czechoslovak President when he visited Poland, claiming he was too tied up to meet him.

Mr Walesa was also critical to President Bush and Soviet their next summit in Prague. "He's playing with images, but these images may be needed by Havel," he snapped. "He doesn't have reforms."

This wasn't the first time Mr Walesa has suggested he covets the presidency. On January 8, while commenting on the Mazowiecki Government's tough new austerity ment's tough new austerity measures, he suggested Poles might revolt and if that were the case, "I would take the job temporarily so that a tragedy does not occur." But there was apparently a specific reasons for his decision to leak the news of his candidacy on Monday, the eve of an image-building visit by Mr Jaruzelski to Moscow.

Mr Jaruzelski was always

Mr Jaruzelski was always the closest Communist to Mr Gorbachov of the now fallen East bloc leaders in age and temperament. For examp they both agree that a united Germany should remain neu-tral — while the Polish Government is open to the idea of



National fervour engulfs Croatia

From Richard Bassett, Zagreb

SAVIOUR of Austria and Slovenes, this desire has been

The vast equestrian statue of the Ban (Governor) who in 1848 saved the Austrian Empire and whose sword was always pointed towards Hungary when not directed towards the south, is to be only time Croatia was free", wards the south, is to be only time Croatia was free", wards the south, is to be only time Croatia was free", wards the south, is to be only time Croatia was free. restored to its position on Zagreb's main square, 43 years after Communists ban-ished it.

Jeliacic, a Croat version of Wellington-cum-Tennyson, was removed by the Com-munistra, who also renamed

Now, less than two weeks before Croats vote in their first free elections since before the war, a wave of nationalist fervour has engulfed this republic which has long felt itself repressed by Belgrade and Serbiz.

and Serbia

"You see, Croatia was for centuries part of the Austrian Empire. We belong to Europe, not to the Balkans," said Mr Franjo Tudjman, a former partisan general who now heads the most popular party in Croatia, the Croat Democratic Front.

tions which run within party. By claiming not just and Slavonia but Bosnia-Hercegovina, Tudjman has inflamed tions. When he address rally in the Dalmatian of Beakovac, a Serb for tried to assassmate him.

The front is expected to win the elections outright. Unlike Slovenia, which voted last weekend, Croatia has no strong Communist candidates. The front's main opponents, a coalition of opposition parties led by the Pucnik, one of the two capformidable Mrs Savka Dabcevic, is badly organized and leaks forder.

On the other hand, Mr reputation, Tanjug the state.

Tudiman's offices whire with news agency, said the noise of computers and yesterday (AP reports). faxes. In one room Croat Colonel Vuk Obradovic, exiles from Canada and press spokesman for the Australia translate policy doc. Army, told a news configence uments. In another, a grim that the Army felt insulted by poster advertises a new book. Mr Pucnik's alleged remarks

Old skeletons which even Tanjog said that Mr Pucaik the repressive apparatus of the also claimed that the Anny late Marshal Tito barely managed to keep locked in their poisoning our conomy and cupboards are now emerging, imperling our freedom. cupboards are now emerging, imperiling our freedom.

fuelled by the Croats' desire to Mr. Pucnik could not be see themselves once again as a immediately reached nation. Ironically, as with the comment.

implacable foe of Hungarians and Serbs, Ban Jellacic, Viceroy of Croatia, has returned to Zagreb.

Slovenes, this desire has been encounged by Serbian attacks on Croatia led by Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader with the Serbian leader wit

some of Mr Tudiman's help-ers claim — is being given an ill-deserved respectability. Mr Tudiman denies, how

ever, that his party is antisemetic or extremist.

"I am against all violence

The future of Croatia will be decided after the elections by the Croats in Parliament not by me," he says with the easy-going manner of a typical member of Zagreb's highly continued Cantral Environment cultivated Central European

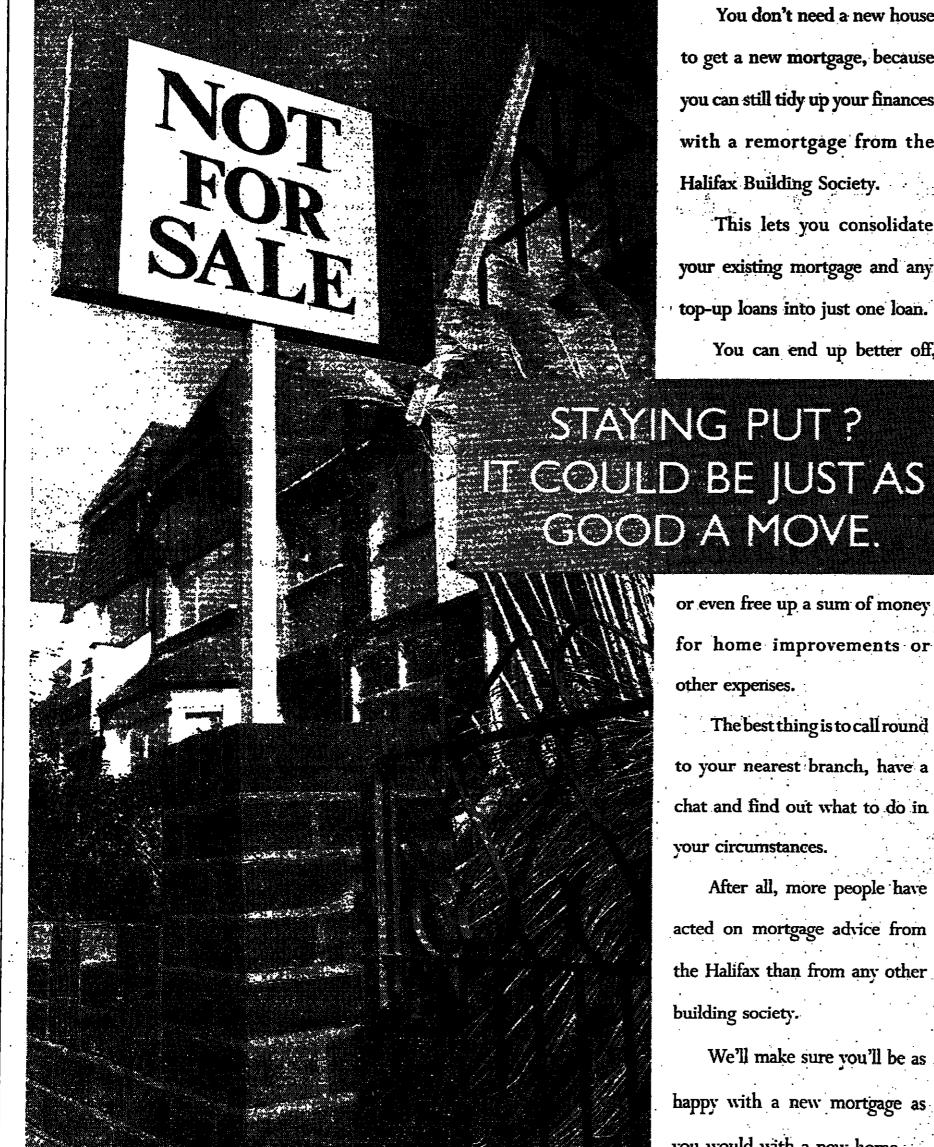
bourgeoisie.

But Mr Tudiman's tone
belies the force of the emotions which run within his party. By claiming not just the tions. When he addressed a of Beakovac, a Serb fanatic

"There have been many attempts since. Unfortunately I must travel with a body-guard," he says.

allegedly slandering their

describing the massacre of that the armed forces "are not Croats by Scrbs after the war capable of defending the coun-in Corinthia. try from external enemies"



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Moscow 'stalling' on arms talks for deal on Germany

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

senior Western diplomats for the Warsaw Pact would probthe confused signals emanating from Moscow recently.

With new problems, some of them quite unexpected, arising in both the Con- ance that Moscow could not ventional Forces in Europe accept a reunified Germany as talks in Vienna and the strategic missile negotiations in Geneva, the sense of growing optimism in the West over imminent arms control agreements has been dealt a blow.

Now Moscow is introducing different ideas about German reunification, the latest being that the united country could be a member of both Nato and the Warsaw Pact for a five-toseven year transitional period. Mr Valentin Falin, chief of the

PRESIDENT Gorbachov may international department of the Soviet Union, the US, have decided to stall all con- the Soviet Communist Party Britain, France and the two ventional and strategic Central Committee and a Germanys later this month. nuclear arms talks in order to former ambassador to West But is there a link between put pressure on the West to Germany, said this week; the new line adopted by compromise over the future. The idea that for a certain Moscow at the Vienna and status of a reunified Germany. time a unified Germany could. Geneva talks, and its demands This is one of a number of remain with its Western part concerning Germany's future theories being put forward by in Nato and its Eastern part in

ably be acceptable to our

status? The different re-

sponses to that question from European capitals underline

the confusion Moscow has

had been forced into a corner

by the West's insistence that

Germany must remain in

Nato. Acknowledging that the Soviet leader had no real cards

to play - he has, after all,

stated that the two Germanys

should be allowed to decide

Mr Gorbachov wanted ments as much as the

own way over Germany. He cannot be seen to be giving in

to Western pressure, particu-larly since the Soviet military

is already unhappy about some of the arms control positions adopted by Moscow.

One senior French diplomat

said Western governments

Nato has overplayed its hand.

We should not go on making

public statements about Ger-

many remaining in Nato," one German diplomation

source said. "We should rec-

ognize that Gorbachov is fac-

ing difficulties over this

Germany.

option.'

enlightenment."

British officials

future security status.

gested that Mr Gorbachov

This was another way of reminding the Western alliaccept a reunified Germany as a fully paid-up member of Nato — despite support for this concept from the majority of her East European allies, especially Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, and now

The timing of the latest only tactic was to play tough at proposal for dual membership the arms control talks is crucial because the first terms. is crucial because the first real negotiations on German reunification under the "two- West but his priority was to plus-four" formula are to be see that Nato did not get its held between officials from

had been "carrying on" as if convinced that Moscow would eventually cave-in on the issue. There had been an unrealistic sense of optimism that all would come right in the end, he said. Some West German dipomats are also concerned that

Mr Gorbachov may try to vative faction led by Mr Jegor exploit the situation to push Ligachov, the Politburo ahead with radical reform, especially of the economy which has been bitterly at-

But he appears to be ignoring this latest challenge from Mr Ligachov, as he has effectively shunted the entire Politburo into the wings and stripped them of any real

decision-making powers. Gazeta newspaper, who have sent an open letter to Mr Gorbachov calling for the

United States. Vyacheslav and illegally expelled from the

who has yet to be rehabilitated.

towards independence, and called for urgent negotiations with Moscow (writes Anatol The deputies also began the

process of cancelling the legal obligation of Estonians to serve in the Soviet army.

The telegram to Mr Gorbachov said Estonia justified the Supreme Soviet's measures of March 30 establishing a "period of transition" to full independence, and suspending the Soviet Constitution.

Armenian militants shell Azerbaijan enclave



The Rsayev family surveying the ruins of their home at Sadarak in the Azerbaijani enclave of Nakichevan after it was shelled by Armenian emonstrators protesting about the deaths of 20 Georgians stormed the government building in Yerevan on Monday

Hurd rejects Soviet idea of dual defence role

From Michael Binyon

MR DOUGLAS Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, rejected as impractical yesterday a Soviet suggestion that a united Ger-many should hold "dual membership" of Nato and the

It would make it almost

The idea had been outlined by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister,

Times yesterday and spelt out flow of news from Lithuania in detail to Mr Hurd during by allowing Western corresthe meeting between the two ministers in Moscow on

implicitly ruled out any economic blockade of Lithuania, and had repeatedly insisted he would do everything possible to settle the crisis by

pondents to continue working

On the German question, Concluding two days of Mr Hurd said Moscow was intensive talks, Mr Hurd also searching for a third way that said President Gorbachov had would not necessarily commit a united Germany to full membership of Nato. German unification raised many security questions, President Gorbachov had said during

their meeting on Tuesday.

in an article reported by The Soviet leader to grant a free should take account of Soviet Mr Hurd. "There is no quessecurity concerns.

It should look actively at ways of broadening the Helsinki structure to satisfy not only Soviet concerns, but also the fears of other East European countries of a strong and united Germany.

Both Britain and the Soviet Union had important roles in working out the external aspects of German unification.

Britain did not expect

The Foreign Secretary also insisted that all the key diplomatic decisions facing Europe this year were linked: the "two-plus-four" talks on

tion of bundling the Soviet

troops out; there will have to

be a substantial transition

Germany, the Conventional Forces in Europe talks in Vienna, and the autumn summit of the 35 signatories to the Conference on Security and

Communists on brink of split

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

A FORMAL split in the Tuesday that his reforms Soviet Communist Party drew could split the party, and said closer yesterday after a leader the Central Committee would of a radical group within the publish an appeal to members party demanded that it set up to unite. But he denied that he as an independent social was trying to purge the party democratic party, cutting all either of conservatives or of links with the communists.

the Democratic Platform of leave its ranks themselves." Liberals, rejected attacks on his group published in an open letter to the Central Committee by the powerful conser-

Mr Chubais called on fellow liberals to leave the party, stop paying their dues and set themselves up as a separate reformist group.

conservatives, The denouncing the Democratic Platform, called for their expulsion in a letter prominently carried in Pravda yesterday and read out on

television.
The accused the group of splitting the party back into a loose association of factions and groupings. "The time has to decide what to do about those who put themselves outside the party. How can they stay in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union?" the letter asked.

Shostakovsky, one of the leaders of the Democratic Platform, and rector of the influential Higher Party School, yesterday described the letter as an attempt to restrict political discussion in

the run-up to the congress. "The supporters of the Democratic Platform have no intention of waging a fight against the party. Our goal is a democratic renewal of the party aimed at adapting it to a multi-party system. We are making every effort to democratize the party because we believe that at present it has lost broad ties with the

people." he said. But Mr Ligachov had bitterly criticized President Gorbachov's tolerance of radicals, and demanded their immediate expulsion. Mr Gorbachov admitted on

radicals. "Those who disagree Mr Igor Chubais, leader of with party policies should A split would leave the party in disarray before the congress on July 3.

tacked by the conservatives.

The conservatives have been also challenged by the staff of the Litera Purnaya rehabilitation of Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the writer now living in exile in the

The letter published yesterday in the newspaper said Mr Solzhenitsyn was "forcibly country and denied the possibility of defending himself". Mr Solzhenitsyn is one of the last major dissidents

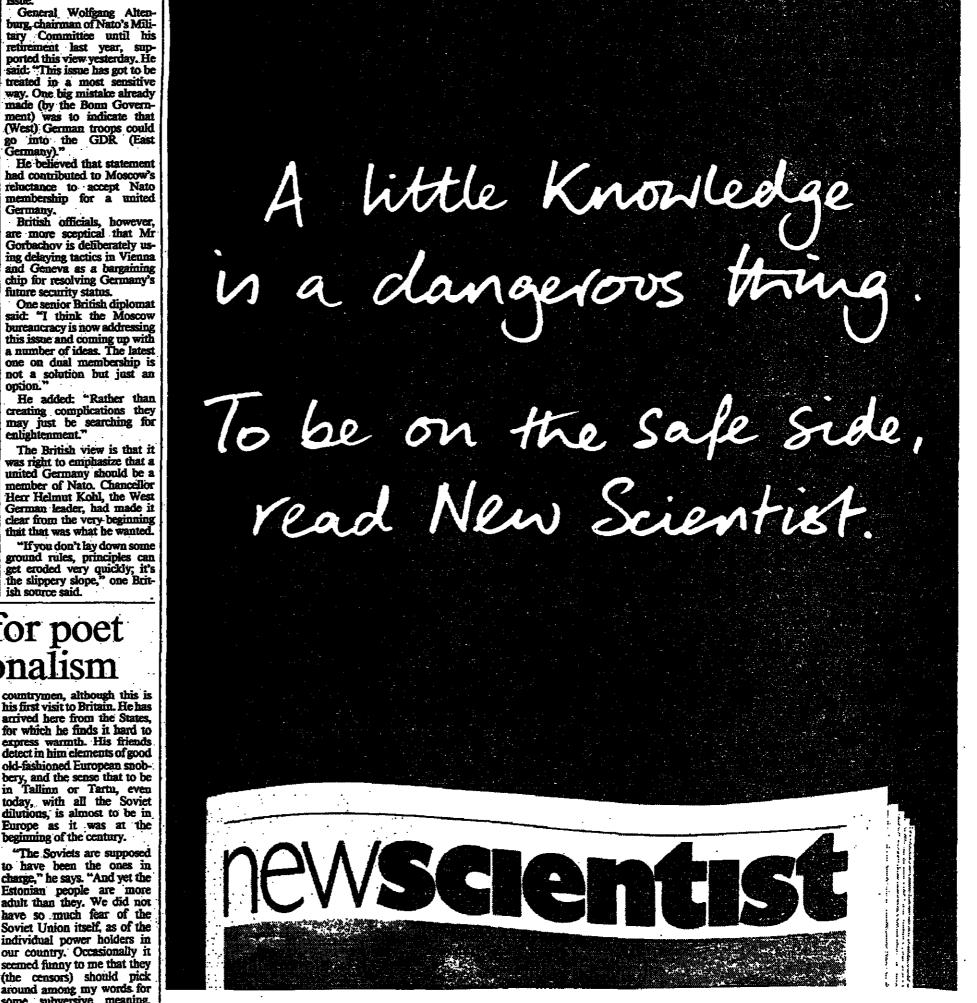
• TALLINN: The Estonian Supreme Soviet yesterday rejected Mr Gorbachov's demand that it retract its move

impossible for a German defence minister to do his job, he

But Mr Hurd had urged the

Mr Hurd said the West

Soviet troops to leave East Germany immediately, said Co-operation in Europe.



London hearing for poet of Estonian nationalism

Today's poetry reading by the Estonian author Jaan Kaplinski at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London could hardly come at a more opportune moment.

For Kaplinski's scheduled appearance in the opening programme of the ICA's East European Forum, which was launched by President Havel of Czechoslovakia during his visit to Britain last month, coincides with the upsurge of international interest in the progress of his own homeland towards independence.

Tension in Tallinn, capital of this tiny, westernmost outpost of non-western ethos, has risen dramatically in the wake of President Gorbachov's warning last week to President Arnold Runtel, the new head of the Estonian Supreme Soviet, that unless the Baltic republic retreated from its position, it would be treated in

the same way as Lithuania. Kaplinski was born 49 years ago, in the year of the German occupation, the son of an Estonian mother and a Polish father who disappeared into with a face entirely framed by the Soviet labour camps while silver hair, and the barest Jaan was a small boy. He minimum of hand move studied Romance languages and structural and mathematical linguistics in the town of Tartu, where he still lives. In had the chance to travel more the course of publishing 12 widely than many of his Collins Harvill (£6.95)



books of verse, innumerable essays and a few plays which he disparages, he has become the nearest thing Estonia has to a national poet.

His speech is shot through with pictures of childhood, dependence and authority. He has a solid, tranquil presence, ments to underline the cadences. As a formidable linguist and translator, he has countrymen, although this is his first visit to Britain. He has arrived here from the States. for which he finds it hard to express warmth. His friends detect in him elements of good old-fashioned European snobbery, and the sense that to be in Tallinn or Tartu, even today, with all the Soviet dilutions, is almost to be in Europe as it was at the beginning of the century.

"The Soviets are supposed to have been the ones in charge," he says. "And yet the Estonian people are more adult than they. We did not have so much fear of the Soviet Union itself, as of the individual power holders in our country. Occasionally it seemed funny to me that they (the censors) should pick around among my words for some subversive meaning like mice picking around among grains on the floor."

TThe ambiguities of his work, he agrees, have been felt by his readers as well as his censors; in times of uncertainty or poor morale they looked for some affirmation of their nationalist ideals, even if it was only cryptic.

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Feminist challenges millionaire cowboy in battle for Texas

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remains a state struggling to

US-Mexican border and grow-

ing Hispanic immigration.

From the start, candidates

sided over more executions in

gory that they were lam-

pooned on America's equiva-

lent of Spitting Image. Voters

Mrs Richards: Victorious

campaigns in the history of "old-money" Americans that Texas, a largely right-leaning they are little more than state which prides itself on its nouveaux riches with glitzy bragadoccio, has ended with shopping malls, fast cars and the rare nomination of a no taste. woman as the Democratic candidate for governor.

Mrs Ann Richards, the Democratic run-off reveals all state's treasurer who shot to fame in 1988 by ridiculing the presidential aspirations of Mr George Bush, faces a tough ride against the Republican nominee, Mr Clayton Williams, a millionaire cowboy who has pledged to restore the "Texas of his father" and run the state like his ranch.

The silver-haired grandmother, aged 56, who describes herself as a feminist, defeated her closest rival, Mr Jim Mattox, the state's Attorney General, by at least 10 percentage points to become the first female nominee since

For many Texans, however, there was little to cheer about. The gubernatorial campaign, especially in the past four weeks of the Democratic runoff, unleashed a wave of nastiness that deterred an overwhelming majority from even casting their ballot. Voting turnout was estimated at 16 per cent. So appalled was The Houston Post at the dirty tactics of Mrs Richards and her closest rival, Mr Mattox, that it refused to endorse either on the ground that they had embarrassed Texans.

in a state that owes its economic success to oil-drilling and the industry of dirt farmers, many Texans, be-

ONE of the dirtiest political sitive to a perception among were disgusted, especialty as the candidates had vowed not to resort to bashing one

erupted after a refusal by Mrs Many political analysts Richards, a reformed alcohave also suggested that the holic, to answer questions about drug use. She retaliated that is most unsavoury about by saying she had been dry for contemporary US politics years, but doubted the the high cost of running, the incial ethics of Mr Mattox during the same period. dominance of slick television advertising, negative cam-paigning and a failure to

In past weeks, the advertising agency working for Mr Mattox ran a barrage of short television clips which suggested, by innuendo, that Mrs Richard's silence was an adcope with poverty along the mission of guilt. Her counterattack included a television spot showing a cartoon of Mr sparred over who had pre-Mattox throwing fistfuls of mud at a poster of Mrs the state. Their boasts were so Richards

Texans are faced, at best, with a brief respite from this nastiness. Mr Williams, the Republican nominee, has spent an estimated \$6 million on his first political campaign. Mrs Richards almost went broke during her race and may have to rely on her acerbic tongue to defeat her opponent.

Mr Williams is an old-style Texan who appeals to those who knew the state during its heyday when world demand for oil was high. His "I'm just a country boy made good" message has charmed voters even though his critics wrote him off as inexperienced.

He has promised the cam-

paign from now on will be clean, although few believe him. "Read my lips," he said, borrowing a phrase from Mr



Schoolgirls taking part in a rally in Kathmanda to mark the reopening of schools closed because of violence

Congress dallies as Rio queues

BRAZILIANS who can still has also made its way from the claim to have a sense of Soviet Union, is of a man humour intact after the bruisrecently imposed on the economy describe their predicament as "esperestroika".

It is not meant as a tribute to President Fernando Collor de Mello's statesmanship, but rather a reference to the Portuguese word for queueing - espera -- which Brazilians are doing they days as much as the long-suffering Russian

One of the most popular forms boldly announced by In doing this, the new "esperestroika" jokes, which the young President Collor Government hoped to with-

who, waiting in a neverending bank queue, finally loses his patience and storms off vowing to kill the President for all the trouble he is causing. When the customer sheepishly reappears at the bank the next day, he is asked why he failed in his mission. "The queue was longer than this one," he replies.

For more than a week now, Congress has been voting on the sweeping economic reThe deadline for passing the ures falls this week. While the population contimes to suffer the consequences of the plans, which took effect before Congress even began discussing them, the politicians are taking their time over the most polemic

The strongest opposition is reserved for the measure which froze overnight all current and savings bank accounts above £650.

when he took office in March. draw enough money from circulation to bring down consumption and hence inflation. However, the measure, together with another which froze money markets accounts, is now causing serious

problems for Brazil's industrial sector. More than 28,000 workers have been laid off already and thousands more sent home on paid leave as the country hovers on the edge of

ably become a crucial test for President Collor. For the first time he not only faces the full force of a Congress where his

unless our demands are met there will be more trouble." The Congress wants even the 4,000 local panchayais (councils) to be dissolved, a move that those who support the King say would leave the country in a power vacuum. Most politicians argue that the system is so corrupt the people

would be better off without it. The new plan has predictsupport is limited, but is also atened with a decline in public support as recession threatens and the administrative problems of the plan

"Unfortunately, the measures were not explained very well to the population and plan has led to hardship," said a political analyst, Senhor Sergio Abranches. Queues, which stretch for their longest come a part of everyday life.

Most Brazilians, however, are in no financial position to stand in any bank queue and the plan, which has accomplished its aim of hitting Brazil's 10 per cent richest people, still holds popular

"The trap of unemployment has yet to hit. For the moment the lowering of inflation is most," said Senhor Abranches. Inflation for April is likely to be near nil after a month in which it rose to 85

per cent. However, whether it can be kept low will partly depend on the way Congress votes this week on the crucial measures. Senhor Collor still insists the essence of the plan must be left untouched, and Congress is likely to give the new Govern-ment the benefit of the doubt and the country's economy a

desperate chance. Meanwhile, Senhor Collor's electoral campaign pledge to slash public spending has also started. Congress has approved the closing of 24 state institutes and companies and the new Government has announced a "day the perks end" for May, when 900 government cars will be put up for auction.

Also to be sold are thousands of apartments occupied by civil servants in Brasilia, and hundreds of items kept in stock to supply them, includ-ing thousands of ovens, refrig-erators, fire extinguishers, door locks and even paving most of his powers under a

The resumption of party politics in Nepal is proving to be chaotic and confrontational, with tensions rising between Congress and its prodemocracy ailies, the com-munists. Moderate voices are being swept away in the rush for power — power that rests with the King at present.

pressure

on King

From Christopher Thomas Kathmandn

NEPAL'S newly legalized pol-

itical parties are threatening to

launch a fresh wave of mass

unless King Birendra agrees to

far-reaching constitutional

The Nepali Congress, the biggest party, has adopted hardline policies that include

demands for the removal of

virtually all the King's powers

of the present Government,

which supports him.

Mr Girja Prasad Koirala,

gress, said that the people were

impatient for change. If the Royal Palace did not soon

give ground, protests would erupt again, and "this time

they will be aimed directly at the King".

He insisted that Congress

was not opposed to the institu-

tion of the monarchy, "but the

King must become a British-

style monarch. The people

will settle for nothing less. The

protest movement has been

suspended, not wound up, and

King Birendra replaced his Cabinet recently and it now consists of just four ministers. The Palace says the vacant positions are waiting to be filled by Congress and communist members.

But Congress is demanding that the four palace-appointed ministers, who include the Prime Minister, should be ticians take up any portfolios. It says the Prime Minister must be a Congress member but that pro-King loyalists can hold some Cabinet posts.

While the arguments continue, Nepal is left without national leadership and is being run from day to day by the bureaucracy.

Since political parties were legalized last Sunday, some heads of government departments have posted notices in their offices saying that public employees should remain politically neutral under the

multi-party system.

The Nepali Congress has now reopened its rundown office in the centre of Kathmandu which was forced-to close in February in a government clamp-down. The roof was packed with revellers as the red party flag flapped in the wind. Inside, old filing cabinets and second-hand furniture were put in place. The

office boasts one telephone. Senior party officials said that if the King dismissed the Government speedily, an interim Cabinet could be in place within days, and a scrious confrontation with the palace would be avoided.

Congress and the com-munists met last night to coordinate their strategies and to agree immediate policy objectives. The emphasis was firmly on persuading King Birendra to dismiss his Govnew constitution.

Greece's new leader warns of deep crisis

The Cabinet

From Chris Elion

CONSERVATIVES returned to power in Greece yesterday with a warning from Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the new Prime Minister, that the country is going through a

His New Democracy Goverument — in control again after eight years in opposition and a further 10 months in transitional Cabinets - contains 27 ministers and 11 under-secretaries.

The Foreign Ministry went to Mr Antonis Samaras, aged 39, a rising star in the party, while Mr Mitsotakis went outside Parliament in selecting Mr Ioannis Palcokrassas, his election campaign man-ager, as Minister of Finance.

Mr Miltiades Evert, a former Athens Mayor and heirapparent to Mr Mitsotakis, got the prestigious Ministry to the Prime Minister's Office overseeing all other ministries and the Civil Service.

Mr Tzannis Tzannetakis, the former Prime Minister, became Culture Minister and one of the two Deputy Prime

Athanassios Kanellopoulos, a veteran conservative.

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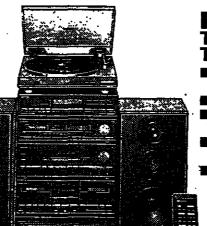
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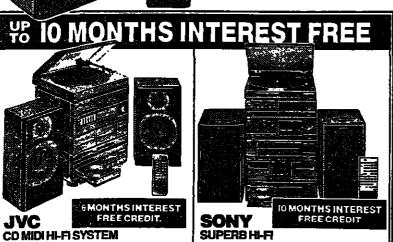
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Humble protector of the children of God

MOTHER Teresa, everyone's idea of a living saint, has at last stood down as head of the Missionaries of Charity order she founded 40 years ago to care for "the poorest of the poor" in the streets of Cal-

into a world-wide movement of exemplary charity, and her name has become an international household word. Indeed, it has become a regular Mother Teresa complained game among opinion polisters about the lack of response to to measure Mother Teresa's her visit. Without naming the popularity against other internationally-known women, and in every such poll there Own "I talked to the highest emerges a curious rivalry in the public mind between her

Gallup, in an international poll in 1987, placed the British what worries me sometimes — sick and dying man. Few Prime Minister first and the the feeling of helplessness. I women have such a gift of Queen third, with Mother wonder what I have to do to unselfconsciousness, or show Queen third, with Mother Teresa, previously top, be- get it done.'
tween them. Mother Teresa Mother T met Mrs Thatcher in April 1988 — whether either of them were aware that they were the two most famous women in the world is not recorded.

She said of Mrs Thatcher "she is wonderful" after meeting her at Downing Street, shortly after visiting the "cardboard city" created by homeless people at Charing Cross Station and the Roya Festival Hall. The Prime Minister had promised her she would do everything in her power for these down-andouts, she said, a discussion prosaically reported by a Downing Street spokesinan later as Mrs Thatcher simply telling her of the work being done for them by various him and many other people lack of ostentation, carrying charitable bodies. Neverthe-like him. They are unwanted, their own bags. Few people less, there was a strong im- unloved and uncared for." can ever have been so totally

Mother Teresa, the nun who became a worldwide symbol of charity, has been forced by ill health to give up her work with the sick and dying. Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor, assesses her life of devotion

would be embarrassing in the

hand or mouth of others.

Many of those who have

visited her, either in Calcutta

or at another of her homes for

the homeless, have reported

being reduced to tears by the sight of her cradling in her

arms the emaciated body of a

sick and dying man. Few

Charity is so often felt to be

was converted to Catholicism

by it. All over the world there

are tens of thousands of so-

to the causes Mother Teresa

promotes. Yet behind her there is no slick PR operation,

white-veiled sisters, with total

such lack of fear.

She has since developed it pression among observers on waster particle movement the meeting that the two able of all about Mother than a world-wide movement. women, for all their enormous. Teresa is that she has the differences, did connect. ability to communicate com-

But the following year plete sincerity, even when Mother Teresa complained doing and saying things which people, but nothing has happened. A number of people promised to do something but we have no home. That is

Mother Teresa had been moved to tears by her enof social outcasts in central London. "It hurt me so much to see our people in the terrible cold with just a bit of cardboard covering them," she said. The phrase "our people" is a characteristic Teresa touch - the poor are always "we" with her.

The people she met "were ordinary lay people who give inside cardboard boxes made part of their time and money Teresa added. "I didn't know what to say ... my eyes filled with tears. There was one man no back-up team of suited who told me it had been a men. She moves around the long, long time since anyone globe either alone or in com-had held his hand. It was very pany with just a few of her painful and very sad to see

indifferent to all the things the mass of mankind finds so

Her headquarters in Calcutta are in an inauspicious building at 54A Lower Circular Road, marked by nothing more than small sign saying "Mother Teresa MC". Those who have visited it report a strong smell of disinfectant and the sound of constant scrubbing.

Mother Teresa, who is 79, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. Last September she was taken to hospital in Calcutta with chest pains. For a time it was feared she might die, but within three weeks she was reported to be back at her desk, handling paperwork for five hours a day. In November she was readmitted, suffering from severe giddiness, for a heart pacemaker operation.

Her Calcutta home-for-thehomeless has handled more than 50,000 patients since cold that the experience of seeing and feeling it at fever pitch is unsettling, even some-times shattering. Mr Malcolm 1952, very few of whom are Christians. More than half recover, and volunteer doc-Muggeridge, a cultivator of cynisism if ever there was one, tors, of every faith and none, staff a medical team to treat them. There is no effort to convert them. Mother Teresa described her purpose simply called "co-workers" of the Missionaries of Charity as "picking up the sick and dying from the streets and helping them to die with love and dignity as children of

> The Missionaries of Charity are today represented in virtually all Western countries, Britain included. In recent years the order has turned its attention to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union; and after the Armenian earthquake - appropriately enough, as Mother Teresa is of Armenian birth - the order became the first religious body to be allowed to operate with full approval of the Soviet

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Mother Teresa, who has stood down as head of the Missionaries of Charity order

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Madrid – Madrid airport may be closed for health reasons as rubbish and filth piles up in public areas because of a week-long cleaners' strike over pay (Harry Debelius writes). Pickets clashed yesterday with Red Cross and Civil Defence personnel trying to remove some of the rubbish. Restaurants at the airport were closed and cafeteria staff wore surgical masks to keep

Soldier freed

Islamabad - A Soviet soldier held captive by Afghan rebels for nearly four years has been handed over to Soviet diplomats in Kabul by Afghan Government troops. (Reuter)

Tree protection

bia is to introduce anti-logging legislation to preserve most of a remote Canadian valley containing the world's tallest spruce trees.

Kurds protest

Amsterdam - Police broke up a peaceful protest sit-in by ethnic Kurds at the Turkish Airlines office here over alleged repression of Kurds in Turkey. (AP)

Plea for writer

Moscow - The Soviet Writers' Union has asked President Gorbachov to restore Soviet nationality to the 1970 Nobel Literature prize winner Alexander Solzhenitsyn, now

Inflation down

Peking - China's imports and inflation plummeted in the first quarter of 1990 as the economy slowed dramatically, official figures show. (Reuter)

A RACE APART

Mavericks trip weary Peres in final straight

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

AFTER three weeks of complex bargaining, Mr Shimon Mr Peres failed again, his job the chamber when Mrs Geula might be taken over by Mr Cohen, a right-wing MP, ac-Peres, the Labour Party lead-Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence cused the handful of Israeli sterday failed at the last ence to form a government.

He was, in fact, on his feet in the Knesset (Parliament) to government and its programme of peace talks with the Palestinians when he discovered that the majority he had confidently predicted had slipped through his

Two of his allies, members Agudat Israel, the ultraorthodox religious party, had deserted him — apparently on the instructions of their spir-itual mentor in distant New York - because they could not enter a government which was supported by Israeli Arab MPs with a policy based on with-drawal from the "sacred land" of the occupied territories.

The special session of the Knesset, convened in the middle of the Passover holiday, adjourned in uproar. "When you have written agreements on a coalition, but you get up in the morning to find that two of its members have changed their minds, what can you do?" a weary Mr Peres said afterwards.

Others noted that Likud, led by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the caretaker Prime Minister, had been working hard to persuade Agudat Israel to forsake Labour. In view of the day's events, President Herzog gave Mr Peres a further two weeks in which to rebuild his

Labour sources said that if

Minister in the collapsed Likud-Labour coalition

The Knesset is perhaps the most unruly assembly in the world, partly because Israelis like to make themselves heard, and also because it faithfully reflects the bewildering diversity of opinions in the

Tempers flared more than usual yesterday, possibly be-cause of the hot desert wind, blows through Jerusalem at this time of year, setting teeth

The debate was a "disgrace", Mrs Sarah Doron, the leader of the Likud faction in the Knesset, declared. It was "democracy turned into farce", she added.

There was pandemonium in



Benjamin Begin: Accused Peres of deceiving Herzog

Wages of sin in a

gamble on oysters

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

Arab MPs of being the "agents

Mr Benjamin Begin, son of Menachem Begin, the former Prime Minister, added to the uproar when he accused Mr Peres of having "deceived" President Herzog by claiming to have a majority for a "peace platform" government.

Mr Peres's hopes of a 61seat majority, one vote more than the Likud bloc, were boosted last week when Mr Avraham Sharir, a disillu sioned member of Likud defected to Labour.

But any Israeli coalition depends on keeping together many disparate factions. When disputes within the religious parties again boiled to the surface yesterday, the results were disastrous for Mr

Rabbi Menachem Porush the bearded, black-hatted leader of Agudat Israel's five MPs, seized the podium amid the uproar to declare that all five would honour their agreement to support Labour.

But the gloom on Labour faces told a different story; one of the five, Rabbi Avraham Verdiger, had announced already that he was resigning from the Knesset, while another, Rabbi Eliezer Mizrahi, said he was leaving the Agudat Israel faction while remaining an MP.

Both claimed that they were beying instructions from the Lubavucher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson, who lives in Brooklyn. The Yiddishspeaking Lubavitch sect (reb-be is Yiddish for rabbi) broke away from mainstream Judaism in Eastern Europe two centuries ago.

Rebbe Schneerson is regarded by his followers as charismatic, but other or-thodox Jewish groups say he has "Messianic aspirations" and that the adulation he is accorded amounts to a heresy.

Politically he argues that Israel must never "give up an inch" of sacred land, an instruction which the Agudat Israel mavericks yesterday said they took to mean opposition to the Labour principle of trading "land for peace".

Secular Israelis, who make up well over half of the population, have expressed growing anger in the past few days over both the coalition horse-trading which arises from the power of minority parties, and the influence of the ultra-orthodox groups, which some say amounts to a Jewish "theocracy".

Last weekend more than 100,000 Israelis, demonstrated to demand electoral reform. On Monday and Tuesday, in a related form of protest, thousands of Israelis crowded the beaches of Tel Aviv for Passover, blithely ignoring the strictures of the rabbis and eating pizza, icecream and other forbidden

non-kosher foods. None the less, Mr Peres was obliged yesterday to resume his courting of the orthodox manufacturers charge as much as £500 for these.)

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AN ISLAMIC ruling against sure of the old-established buying oysters on the off-institution, a great favourite chance that they might conwith Kuwait's limited number tain pearls has led to the of foreign tourists, had been

enforced closure of one of the quaintest commercial centres in the Middle East, the colourful Shuwaikh oyster market in oil-rich Kuwait. Al-Qabas, the Kuwaiti pa-per, reported yesterday that Muslim theologians had ruled that buying oysters purely in the hope that they might bear

> flourishing for decades. According to Islamic experts, the practice was considered tantamount to gambling, which is banned by the re-ligion Sheikh Mishaal Mubarak al-Sabah, the head of Kuwait's Islamic Judgement Department ruled: "The sale of pearls before cracking the oyster is illegal, because only almighty God knows if it

> pearls was sinful, resulting in

the immediate closure of the

market which had been

includes pearls or not." Until the closure, which is ing vigorously challenged by local oyster dealers, the Kuwaiti oysters were sold in 7 lb bags for prices ranging widely from the equivalent of £12.50 to £95. The wages of development of artificial sin were not high, and reports pearls, the occupation ran of pearl finds were extremely

Al-Qabas said that the clo-. oysters.

public asked the Ministry of Endowment and Islamic Affairs for an opinion on the The paper said that, as oysters in Kuwait were bought solely to search for pearls, the trade there was considered as equal to a lottery or gambling. If the molluscs had been sold for eating, it added, then the

ordered after a member of the

Islamic scholars would have considered it as perfectly legal. The old market is about 10 miles north of Kuwait City and had added considerable character to a country sorely lacking in it. Al-Qabas said that the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Mr Mohammed al-Refai, had

ordered its immediate closure,

but that the oyster sellers were now petitioning the authori-

ties in an effort to reverse the

Diving and searching for pearls was once a central occupation of native Kuwaitis. But with the advent of the oil era and with Japan's down, and with it the beds of substantial pearl-containing

parties, including both Agudat Israel and Shas, the party of Sephardi orthodox Jewry.

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ALAN HAMILTON

remarkable assertion that the CIA recruited the Duchess of Windsor as an agent during the 1960s is made in a book just published in the United States. Aline. Countess of Romanones, a Spanish-American aristocrat recruited into the Office of Strategic Services, the CIA's predecessor, during the Second World War, tells in her memoirs how she decided that Wallis, fulcrum of a whole European social scene, was the perfect bait to trap a US



Wallis: in from the cold

colonel suspected of leaking Nato intelligence to the KGB. Wallis was codenamed "Willy", while the Duke, who was never told, was "Grumpy". The Duchess, who is said to have enjoyed the thought of being a spook, invited a number of suspect US officers to dinner at the Windsor home in the Bois de Boulogne; they were all flattered, and never tumbled to the ruse. The countess, who is now 67 and lives in New York and Spain, claims that Wallis's dinner guests spilled enough beans for the primary suspect eventually to sense that the net was closing around him, and flee to the East. According to the book, The Spy Went Dancing, the Duchess afterwards told the countess: "It's nice to know I've helped eliminate a traitor. But I feel deflated. When do you suppose you can get us a new job?"

epressing news from Harrods; the traditional gentlemen's barbershop in the basement next to the Green Man pub is being handed over to outside contractors. Essanelle, who currently run the in-store ladies' salon, are taking over the men's wing at a date to be announced. Essanelle's managing director, Ron Del Novo, would not be drawn on his plans yesterday, but Harrods offered a mysterious assurance that "additional services" would be available alongside the traditional shortback-and-sides. On no, not that hoary old one about anything for the weekend, sir.

• I bear that Western correspondents in Moscow still enjoy watching a video of Soviet television news reporting the Ameri-can invasion of the Caribbean island of Grenada in 1983. Behind the newsreader is a map showing where the imperialist outrage occurred, including the adjacent cities of Madrid, Barcelona and Seville.

nglish would-be owners of a Ferrari F40, a rare and outrageously expensive motor car, have won a victory over the VAT man. When the Customs and Excise discovered that an F40, even a *nd one*, comma £800,000 and £1 million on the open market, that was the basis on which they chose to levy VAT and car tax on anyone desperate enough to bring one into this country. Lord Brocket, who has one on order from Italy, calculated that he would have to pay more than £55,000 in car tax alone. He and other Ferrari buffs have



Brocket: power struggie

persuaded the Customs that tax should be charged on its proper factory gate price, which is a great deal lower, and which will bring the car tax down to £12,000 and the VAT to £25,000. His new red runabout, he tells me, will still cost him a total of £193,299, which I make the equivalent of about two dozen Sierras.

T ndoubtedly the riot at Strangeways prison in Manchester was exacerbated by overcrowding, so we should do well to heed the words of the Home Secretary. "The first real principle which should guide anyone trying to establish a good system of prisons should be to prevent as many people as possible getting there at all. There is an injury to the individual, there is a loss to the state whenever a person is committed to prison for the first time, and every care, consistent with the maintenance of law and order, must be taken constantly to minimize the number of persons who are committed to jail... In my opinion no boy should go to prison unless he is incorrigible or has committed some serious offence. I think we ought to discover some form of disciplinary correction outside prison." No, not David Waddington, but a previous incumbent, Winston Churchill, addressing the Commons in 1910.

New martyrs to Lee's tyranny

ho said these noble words: "We either believe in democracy or we do not. If we do, then we must say categorically, without qualification, that no restraint from any democratic process, other than by ordinary law of the land, should be allowed. If you believe in democracy, you must believe in it unconditionally. If you believe that men should be free, then they should have the right of free association, of free

speech, of free publication"? The answer is Lee Kuan Yew, the tyrant of Singapore; his excuse is that he said it a long time ago. Today, his rule is based on a frenzied determination to allow no one in his realm to defy him, from which it follows that those who dare to do so, even in the smallest particular, must be crushed, and having been crushed must be indefinitely pursued with an implacable and

crazed vindictiveness. Before I turn to the latest instance of his misrule, I think it worth recording its chronology. I shall start from the time when Singapore left the Federation of Malaysia (1965) and became an independent self-governing state; from that day to this, Lee

has been in power. 1966: University entrance barred to those refused "suitability certificates" by security authorities. Demonstration against Vietnam war and restrictions on trade unions suppressed; MPs, students and journalists arrested. Some detained actioned ac tained without trial or deprived of Singaporean citizenship.

1967: Opponents of government, earlier arrested and detained without trial, win habeas corpus appeal; released, immediately re-arrested. Some imprisoned without trial for 10 or even 20

1969: Juries abolished in capitalcharges trials (already abolished for non-capital offences). 1970: Several trade unionists detained without trial. 1971: Lawyer representing de-

tainees charged with contempt.
Two newspapers shut.
1973: Managing editor of one of
the remaining independent newspapers imprisoned without trial. 1974: Imprisonment without trial for lawyer who had tried to represent detainees; release con-ditional on making no further attempt to defend them.

1976: Lawyers, journalists and others rounded up and imprisoned without trial; editor who had earlier been imprisoned rearrested. Offence: standing for Parliament against Lee's party. Imprisoned. Lee sues J.B. Jeyaretnam, solicitor, for libel. (First act of Lee's persecution of this upright man; persecution still continues.) 1977: Further arrests, including another lawyer representing detainees, plus local correspondents of Financial Times, Far Eastern Economic Review and Economist;

1979: More arrests; now an offence for any non-political organization to take part in any political

1981: Jeyaretnam wins by-election; only MP not of Lee's party. 1982: Jeyaretnam charged and "convicted" of unparliamentary

behaviour.

1984: Jeyaretnam falsely charged, before district judge, with five criminal offences; acquitted on four. Fined on fifth, but fine not high enough to disqualify him from Parliament. Judge removed

1986: Chief Justice conveniently increases fine; Jeyaretnam ex-pelled from Parliament. More reliable judges overturn Jeyar-etnam's acquittals. Imprisoned. At instigation of Attorney-General also struck off solicitors' roll. 1987: Legislation against foreign newspapers and magazines pub-lishing criticism of Lee; by "gaz-etting" device, such papers prohibited from sending into Singapore more than token num-ber of copies. Legislation prohibit-ing Law Society from commenting on government legislation. President of Law Society removed from post. Jeyaretnam appeals to Privy Council (Britain) on convictions and striking-off. Privy Council condemns entire proceedings convictions as well as striking-off in unprecedentedly savage terms, not least for Lee's Chief Justice. whose refusal to disqualify him-self, and insistence on presiding, is

indefensible. Lee abolishes right to appeal to Privy Council for lawyers 1988: Jeyaramam fined for "providing public entertainment with-out a licence". Charge refers to speech at opening of his new party beadquarters.

plainly considered scandalous and

Now we take up the story of Lee's most recent series of offences against freedom. The key can be heard turning in the lock with a measure called The Maintenance of Religious Har-mony Bill. Lee has smashed all effective political resistance to him; his judges are bent or cowed; the Singapore Bar has fallen silent (a shameful abdication, particularly when compared to the heroic defiance of Mahathir's sleazy and oppressive regime by the Malaysian lawyers); the universities dare not speak; the Straits Times is ever ready to applaud its master and blackguard his few and helpless opponents; every publicly printed word needs a licence; what remains?

What remains is the only source of potential opposition with the strength to practise it; a source which over the centuries and in many lands has often faced tyranny unflinching in the name of a higher power: religion. In 1982, Lee introduced com-

pulsory religious education in Singapore's secondary schools. Not long ago he abruptly changed his mind, and announced that even voluntary religious instruction would be banned; he must have realized that he could not control the churches if the very schools were

Catholic communion in Singapore, a number of priests and social workers were concerned at the ever-shrinking nature of Singaporean freedom, and raised their voices in protest. Most prominent and effective of these was a man called Vincent Cheng, executive secretary of the Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Commission for Singapore; such a man, living under the rule of Lee, will sooner or later be marked for vengeance, and Mr Cheng could have been under no illusion that touched.

Nor was he. Lee's Tontons Macoutes, the Internal Security Department, came for him and 15 others; many of these were young, and most were active Catholics. They were all held under the Internal Security Act; it was stated that they had been arrested "in connection with investigations into a clandestine communist network". (The

After the crushing of political opposition and establishment of a puppet press and judiciary in Singapore, Bernard Levin finds

churchmen are now hounded too

Straits Times played this up, while refusing to print a most restrained and dignified state-ment by the families of the detained people, which neither demanded anything nor accused

A few days later, Lee presented his "case"; there was a com-munist conspiracy to overthrow the government, and the Roman Catholic Church had been used the conspirators for their

nefarious activities. The truth is that there has been no communist threat to Singapore for nearly 20 years; the entire action was a device dissent in the Roman Catholic Church by bullying and frighten-ing its leaders. To bring this about, it was essential that the Catholic hierarchy should de-

nounce Lee's latest victims. The Archbishop of the Singapore diocese (Archbishop Yong) was called several times to the Ministry of Home Affairs to be browbeaten, but he resisted the browbeating, and Lee decided to

apply pressure himself. A meeting was arranged between Lee and a group of priests and lay people, headed by the Archbishop. In case some members of the delegation should stiffen the Archbishop's resolve, Lee had most of the Archbishop's group excluded from it; these included some of the priests who had been in the forefront of church resis-

In the course of the meeting,

Lee's henchmen took substantial minutes; which however later proved an embarrassment, because in Lee's subsequent libel action against the Hong Kong-Review the defence managed through legal means to get the transcripts. These revealed that Lee's public claim that Vincent Cheng was the Singapore leader of the conspiracy was false; he told Yong that he "was not interested in Vincent Cheng and his group"; his fire was directed at the unsubservient priests. The Archbishop was given an ultimatum: get rid of them or there

tance to Lee's tyranny.

harm to the Church, they resigned their positions, and they were subsequently barred from preaching. But that was still not enough for Lec.

Without telling Yong, he called in the Vatican's envoy to Thailand, Father D'Aniello, who, under pressure, accepted the detainees' guilt. This, Lee obviously felt, would powerfully reinforce his hand in the browbeating. So it did; still the Archbishop held out, pleading to make his own statement in his own way. But Lee was implacable, and the Archbishop

finally gave in.

All that remained was the propaganda. Again behind Yong's back, Lee had fixed a press conference, to which he led his captive. But this astonishing Archbishop still would not give in completely, in response to a press question, he said of Vincent Cheng, "After going through the depositions [that is, the false confession] made by the person concerned himself, I have no way of disproving his statement. I have no way. That's why I have to take things at their face value for the time being." That last sentence, designed to in-dicate the truth of what had happened, was edited out of the Straits Times and the statecontrolled broadcasting services.

hortly afterwards, the Far Eastern Economic Review published an article about the business which enraged Lee. Despite two replies from Lee, of enormous length, published in full, the paper was 'gazetted" - that is, restricted in circulation to a token number. The Review properly decided to suspend all circulation in Singapore, and Lee thereupon passed a law allowing Singapore papers to steal and print anything they wished from it, naturally excluding matter that might displease Lee. (A Lee-controlled faked version of the whole magazine is now regularly published in Singapore.) But even this did not satisfy his raving hatred of defiance; he launched a libel

action against the Review. No one, of course, has won a libel action (or any other kind of action) against Lee in the Singapore courts for many years, but he was taking no chances. His men bugged the telephones of the defence, and probably even the barristers' robing room; they also took in a Singapore lawyer who was helping the Review, and tortured him, thus gaining valuable knowledge of defence strategy and potential witnesses. A barrister on the defence side was involved in a divorce case; Lee's thugs arrived at the court on the morning of the first day to circulate prurient information.

Lee, giving evidence in the libel action, spent much of his the judge and making speeches. (Perhaps he felt that this would impress the judge more deeply;

perhaps it did.)
After the judgment, Dow
Jones (which owns both the Review and the Asian Wall Street Journal) put out a dignified, reasonable and in no way offensive statement of regret at the outcome. (This included no reference, though it could have

will be arrests. To prevent more filled many pages of even the largest newspaper, to the years of increasing suppression of every kind of independent press voice in Singapore.) Lee at once had the Hong Kong publisher and editor charged with contempt for their less-Lee, his Attorney-General put out a statement which included these almost magnifi-

cently impudent words: The Dow Jones comment would inevitably lead citizens and others who have recourse to our courts to question the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary in Singapore. These imputations . . . could excite in the minds of the people a general disaffection with all judicial decisions.

This is Singapore now: increasing repression of dissent, increasing destruction of the organs of free speech, increasing mania in Lee's behaviour. So to the full, final assault - with the Archbishop undermined, the Pope deceived, the resisting priests suspended - on the independence of the churches, (Lee's Bill is not directed wholly at Catholics; the position of the Muslims is in its way as fraught, but I shall discuss it separately in a future article.)
When The Maintenance of

Religious Harmony Bill is passed, Singapore citizens will still be allowed to go into their places of worship and take part in their various rites. What they, and most decidedly their pastors, will not be permitted to do. is to say or write anything, in the course of their devotions or elsewhere, which the government in its absolute discretion claims might damage religious harmony - defined, of course, by the government. A sermon that touches upon social policy; a pastoral letter chiding, however gently, a minister's attitude; a scriptural exegesis which challenges the secular state; an appeal for justice, or even clemency, for one of Lee's innocent victims; those responsible for any such matter may be fined the equivalent of £3,500 or be imprisoned for two years for a first offence; for a second transgression, the victim faces double that fine or three years in jail, or both. Lee must make sure that no challenge to his rule, no criticism of himself, can appear from any quarter, and since he has closed every other avenue by which defiance might have approached, this last measure will make the magic, impenetrable circle complet

Even Lee is conscious that such legislation needs its face saved. His chosen method for saving it is an absurd "Council for Religious Harmony", which will notionally have the right to comment on any prohibition order made by the government, but has no power to overrule Lee's decision.

This has been a long and time not answering defence melancholy tale; but not so long prison that is led by Lee's victims, who will soon be joined by increasing numbers of those who have offended him by the practice of their faith. I hope and believe that they will take comfort, behind the bars, from their heroic denial of Lee's demand that they should render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to Caesar also the

Jonathan Clark on the vanishing obstacles to Euro fusion

Is Britain still so special?

Michael Heseltine's re-newed challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership is, in personal terms, remarkably low key. He can afford to be discreet. All he need do is to symbolize one answer to an intractable riddle: is Britain special? Can we fully integrate into the European Community, or are we historically so different in our values, laws, institutions and politics that British rhythms will always grate against continental harmonies? Most political problems are

intractable because we cannot agree on a historical explanation of them. Is Ulster's tragedy a war of religion or a struggle for civil rights? Is British national character individualist or collectivist? On the answers to academic questions like these depend our present policies. Yet they are all

contested by historians.

In her Bruges speech in September 1988, Mrs Thatcher claimed that "Our links to the rest of Europe ... have been the dominant factor in our history." This impeccably European sentiment would be echoed by some historians and indignantly denied by others. Oddly, the division of opinion is not on

familiar party lines. Geoffrey Elton argued for the

archy in creating a strong state, unified and absolute; but Alan Macfarlane counters that medieval England was unlike its European feudal neighbours in possessing an ancient legacy of economic individualism and the

Christopher Hill and Lawrence Stone have explained the "English Revolution" of the 1640s as the crucial moment of our divergence from continental absolutism; but historians of the English county community have found no such social alignment, and Conrad Russell has rejected the model of 17th-century parliamentary history as the pursuit of liberty.

Economic historians such as Nick Crafts and demographers such as Tony Wrigley have shown how English society fol-lowed a path of industrialization and population growth in the 18th century very different from those of its neighbours; but historians of religion and politics achievement of the Tudor mon- have treated English govern-

ment as another variant of the type identified as an ancien regime by the events of 1789.
The social democrat analyst

David Marquand has argued that Britain cannot integrate into a dirigiste, technocratic, corporatist Community because British society since the 17th century has been imbued with the values of what the Marxist historian C.B. Macpherson called "possessive individualism"; others to the right and left of Marquand see the bourgeois revolution breaking out only in 1979, and consider that British values before that date were profoundly collectivist.

Some argue that British patriotism was initially radical and populist, others that it was in origin monarchical. Imperiallyminded historians dwelt on Britain as Europe's greatest colonizer, Scots, Irish and Welsh historians now insist that the United Kingdom was as much a composite state as such anciens regimes as Austria-Hungary.

One school of parliamentary historians tells the story of our 19th-century Reform Bills as the advance of liberty, implying that we cannot merge into a bureaucratized EC because we are its only really democratic member; another school of "high pol-itical" historians punctures this high-mindedness and shows that reforms were not the result of the

unfolding logic of the case for

democracy.

Fabians from the Webbs to G.D.H. Cole rearranged social history to culminate in the welfare state; recent historians such as Charles Webster on the health service and Adrian Wooldridge on education have called this achievement in question. Empire, Protestantism and parliamentary democracy all acted as symbols of identity; each in turn crumbled. Now the last symbol - Britain as the first and best social-democratic welfare state - has gone too. Socialists implicitly acknowledge this: in the 1970s they

dominated by the authoritarian right; now they look to Jacques Delors to rescue the lame duck of welfarism.

Yet there was once a real sense

that Britain was special. A high standard of living, the rule of law, parliamentary government, religious toleration: all these things once marked us out from most continental states. But we forget that thanks to victory in two world wars, most of these blessings have been exported to the Continent. Our doubts about Belgian justice or Italian Catholicism are just fading prejudices. Civil life through most of the EC is now as free as our Victorian constitutionalists - Bagehot, Erskine May, Dicey - could have wished.

British culture was special, too. We had vivid fictional embodiments of national character (John Bull, Britannia), near-legendary ancient lawgivers (King Arthur) and real warrior beroes (Drake, Nelson,

Wellington). Hogarth appealed to such a repertoire of images in contrasting roast beef and freedom with nouvelle cuisine and slavery. Gillray drew the archetypal emaciated French Jacobin, congratulating himself on enjoying the Rights of Man while dressed in rags and eating roots, against a rotund John Bull. complaining about his taxes but tucking into a hearty dinner.

things that are God's.

These old images have lost their power for us ever since Britannia, on our coins, began to hold out an olive branch rather than a trident. The British used to worry about a Channel tunnel: national identity might drain away as if the plug had been pulled from the national bath. Now there are no worries: there seems nothing in particular to

If modern Britain can at last integrate into Europe, it will be for all the worst reasons: the lagging of our standard of living behind our rivals', a rise in civil disorder which has undermined confidence in our parliamentary institutions and the rule of law, the terminal decline of the Church of England. But the real argument about the distinctiveness of the British experience is still undecided. The author is a Fellow of All

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I BOUGHT a magazine at the weekend because the cover promised Ken Russell's favourite soup; I thought it might be part of a series, and wanted to be ready with my favourite soup when the call came. Given a free choice, I should plump for Willie Russell's favourite soup on the basis that celebrity recipes hardly ever come good and a playwright writing about something that does not work would at least be readable.

Soup recipes endear one to readers. There is something thoroughly patriotic about soup; the very word smacks of wholesomeness and decency - although a fish soup, which Mr Russell selected, is slightly suspect: not quite nice, possibly foreign, shades of Centigrade when we all know that Fahrenheit is more British, better.

You direct, leave me to cook it

favourite soup of Mr Jack Russell, the admirable England wicket-keeper and left-handed batsman), "is one I have concocted for people like me who do not like their fish soups too fishy" - a clumsy phrase: William Clark Russell, author of List Ye Landsmen would have put it more elegantly. Ken Russell uses cod, which is not a fishy fish; recommends fillets, which avoid the fishiness imparted by fish bones. and suggests "frying the fish gently for two minutes each side and then peeling off the dark skin". Actually, cod does not

interested to learn about the lock, the skin of a cod is speckled silver, and while this is irrelevant. it did set me wondering what sort of fish soup Bertrand Russell, who wrote An Inquiry into the Meaning of Truth, would have favoured.

Ken Russell uses 11/2lb cod, four medium leeks, eight medium tomatoes, two potatoes (presumably medium), two carrots, two cloves of garlic, 1½ pints of fish stock (well, 11/2 pints water and 1 fish-stock cube which is hardly fishy at all) and a glass of dry white wine. While this ends up as a pleasantly moist stew - I accept there is no reason why one man's "This version", writes Ken have a dark skin; unlike its poor moist stew should not be an"for the sauce, or rouille: drop the After a lot more mayonnaise Civil War, Austro-Prussian war,
Russell (I would have been relations, coley, saithe and polother's favourite fish soup – I was following into your mixer: the and oil, a sort of granular Franco-Prussian war and the



CLEMENT FREUD

thrown by the sentence "Stir in the tomatoes, cut up, and the crushed garlic, pepper and salt." We now come to constructions

inside of half a small white loaf, creaminess was achieved; howtorn up; one teaspoon each paprika, cayenne pepper, six dashes Tabasco, one tablespoon olive oil, one desertspoon mayonnaise, two cloves gartic; blend until you have a thick creamy mixture", orders the director of Delius, Richard Strauss, Mahler. Elgar, Bartok, Debussy etc, and "if it does not work add a little more mayonnaise and oil and blend again". Mine did not work, but then "the inside of half a small white loaf torn up" is less precise than, say, three ounces of breadcrumbs, admittedly a pedes-

trian phrase.

ever the promised "delectable flavour" escaped me. What I got was an anaesthetized palate, tears in my eyes and what may be terminal halitosis. Why a bloke canable of knocking back such quantities of cayenne and gartic should bother to mention his preference for soups "that are not too fishy", and go on a bit about the nicety of saffron, is a good question on which to ponder.... as might be the favourite soup of William Howard Russell, the Times correspondent who made his name in the Crimean War and went on to cover the American

campaign against the Zulus in South Africa in 1879 ... and then had to wait 16 years before getting a knighthood. There are those who believe

that everyone has inside them one novel waiting to get out. Clearly there are magazines that feel the same about people and recipes. They are as wrong in this as would-be proponents of the claim that everyone can direct one drama — on which subject I cannot do better than end, as did the saffron fish soup receipt in the weekend manazine: "Ken Russell" has just completed a film based on a Dorothy Parker short story, Dust Before Fireworks."

If they had begun with that information, we would not have:

had to go out and buy more spices; but the rouille did a reasonable job of cleaning the sink, which now smells a lot nicer



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BRINKMANSHIP IN MOSCOW

A steely quality has recently entered President Gorbachov's latest pronouncements - on Lithuania or Germany or Communist Party radicals - which belies his liberal image in the West. Perestroika is accelerating, yet unprecedented economic reforms are being accompanied by a sudden reversion to doctrinal purism inside the Communist Party.

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This is baffling for those Kremlinologists who have interpreted any departure from the path of Westernizing reform by the Soviet leader as a victory for the "hardline" faction.
They have written the latter's obitmary so often. that communist counter-revolution is scarcely any longer credible. Perhaps it does not occur to them that such intra-party factionalism might herald the removal of the last obstacle to

On Tuesday Mr Gorbachov told an audience of young communist cadres that "those who disagree with party policies should leave its ranks voluntarily." He can only have meant the most prominent communist splinter group. the Democratic Platform, which has followed almost identical movements within other East European communist parties in calling for the abandonment of important parts of the Marxist-Leninist heritage. At the same time a letter from the Central Committee, calling for a purge of this heretical "faction", was broadcast.

The most likely effect of this threat is that senior sympathizers with the Platform - such as Mr Boris Yeltsin and Mr Yuri Afanasyev will pick up the gauntlet and form a genuine opposition. Although the greatly enhanced powers of President Gorbachov would enable im to survive his party's defeat at the polls, he can hardly contemplate with equanimity the prospect of eventual "cohabitation" with a non-communist prime minister.

Mr Gorbachov has never submitted himself to popular election and, without a mandate, he might well find his room for manocuvre no less pircumscribed than General Jaruzelski's in Poland. As Mr Lech Walesa's candidature for the Polish presidency demonstrates, a communist head of state presiding over a noncommunist executive is vulnerable to challenge from a popular tribune. Mr Yeltsin has already made clear his intention to fill that

role. At the same time, Mr Gorbachov has issued new and even more aggressive threats against the Lithuanians. Speaking to Mr Douglas Hurd yesterday, he used ominous terms of art like "adventurism", and accused the Lithuanian Government of itself refusing to seek a mandate.

Simultaneously, the two-plus-four talks on German reunification seem bogged down owing to Soviet intransigence on the question of East German membership of Nato. Western diplomats are asking themselves whether there is a pattern of organized retrenchment here.

The answer appears to be yes. Mr Gorbachov remains a tactician not to be underestimated. One piece of evidence that has gone largely unremarked is the appearance of one Valentin Grigorievich Rasputin in the new Presidential Soviet, Mr Gorbachov's inner circle of confidents. Mr Rasputin is a famous novelist, and has also achieved prominence as an environmental campaigner. He is a Russian nationalist, but has never been a communist. It is not too far-fetched to suggest that he may in popularity, if not in literary merit — become the Dostoyevsky of the 1990s. This is the kind of man whom Mikhail Sergeyevich now likes to have about him.

The Soviet President's strategy is more cunning than might be implied by his Western reputation as a liberal. He is clearly playing a double game: if the party proves itself capable of surviving, even at the cost of purges, he will remain its leader, if not, he is already preparing an alternative power base. The presidential office alone would not suffice for that. Hence he is recruiting nationalist intellectuals as potential leaders of a new specifically Russian populist front.

Part of this alternative platform might well be a tougher Soviet foreign policy, on German reunification and on Baltic secession. The present sabre-rattling on both issues is thus an attempt to test public opinion at home. How far Mr Gorbachov will press this line depends on what response it evokes from his own people. Who knows but that next month, doves will be seen over the Kremlin. It is fanciful for the West to think it can play much part in this perilous brinkmanship.

PRISONERS ON THE ROOF

When Lord Justice Woolf embarks on his indicial inquiry into the riot at Strangeways jail he should examine not just its causes and effects but the manner in which the authorities have responded to it. More than 10 days after the trouble first erupted, the ringleaders can still claim, literally, to occupy the high ground. They should have been brought down long before now and by force.

This has nothing to do with the prisoners' complaints or with the overcrowded, primitive conditions which underlie most prison disturbances. It has nothing to do with poor food or unsatisfactory remand and parole regulations. It has everything to do with the credibility of law and order within the penal system and the extent to which the public — and the majority of peaceable prisoners - can have confidence in the Home Office to run prisons as secure correctional institutions.

Within 24 hours of trouble breaking out the governor of Strangeways, Mr Brendan O'Friel, opened communications with the ringleaders and brought in a team of trained negotiators. His intention was the commendable one of trying to avoid violence and talk the inmates into giving themselves up. There was certainly a risk of hostages being harmed, of prison officers being injured and of the prison itself being further damaged.

There was another risk, that of prisoners throughout the country realizing that the delicate balance by which the authorities maintain institutional order might be upset, a danger that riot and indiscipline might spread. Violent prisoners are not susceptible to the normal constraints operating on law-abiding chizens. Such techniques as the playing of loud music and heavy hoses are unlikely to make much impact on men for whom the attention of the nation's press for their grievance — or merely their diversion - is a welcome break from the tedium of possibly a lifetime in iail.

In the event, the longer the Strangeways riot continued, the more catastrophic and expensive the consequences for the rest of the service. There have now been disturbances, fires and damage of varying intensity at Dartmoor, Bristol, Brixton, Leeds, Shepton Mallet, Hull, Portland, Long Lartin in Hereford and Worcester and, most recently, at Shotts prison near Glasgow. This last, at a purportedly "model" jail, was potentially the most serious because a prison officer was taken

Not all of these outbreaks have been peacefully resolved, and the successful use of force at Horfield Prison, near Bristol, has increased the pressure on the authorities at Strangeways. The attack by rioters there on sex-offender prisoners segregated under Rule 43 presented the authorities with a clear and urgent justification for action.

The violence committed at Strangeways was worse than at Horfield. By giving the rioters time to prepare their defences, the task facing any later assault was made worse. Even so, prison officers are trained to use force to quell trouble. They have at their disposal anti-riot equipment, high pressure hoses, CS gas and protective clothing. Restoring order should not have been beyond their wits, even without calling on the reserve of special forces. But even special forces would have been preferable to prolonging this deplorable shambles.

Softly, softly is a justified strategy in many cases of riot, kidnap and hostage-taking. The inclination of the authorities to deploy excessive force has been rightly criticized in circumstances where patience and restraint would be preferable. Strangeways is not such a case. It demands to be brought to order.

OLD GURUS NEVER DIE

What happens to superannuated government gurus? The Prime Minister's former economic adviser, Sir Alan Walters, must be pondering this question ruefully as he adjusts to life after Downing Street. His lecture at the City University in London on Tuesday managed to attract the headlines once again but only halfheartedly. Adhering to some unwritten code, he did not finger Mr Nigel Lawson by name and thus cheated himself of more spectacular publicity.

In Sir Alan's adopted country of the United States an ex-guru's shelf-life is considerable. He would write a best-seller on "My years with Thatcher", collect a cheque for several hundred thousand dollars and spend his remaining years profitably on the lecture ricuit. In the computer rankings of the world ecture circuit he might not rank with Henry Kissinger, who is said to demand \$20,000 Defore offering up a few after-dinner jokes, but sir Alan could surely make a living. All this would be done without so much as a tremor in he Constitution and while retaining the full espect due to a professor of economics at Ohns Hopkins.

But this is Britain. Advisers advise in private and ministers alone step forward to collect the ouquets and face the brickbats. Her Majesty's Dovernment takes a notoriously dim view of its former servants exposing the inner workngs of government to the public gaze, and not on matters of national security.

This culture had much to do with the events urrounding Mr Nigel Lawson's resignation on October 26 last year. Sir Alan was always, mphatically, his own man - hence his usefulness to the Prime Minister - and found it hard to dissemble his views in public. In a governmental system as secretive as Britain's, his every remark was invested with more significance than it would have received in a more open polity. When Walters sneezed the pound trembled - and Mr Lawson threw a fit.

Happily Sir Alan appears now to have found the solution. On Tuesday he was as rude about the European Monetary System as he has ever been, describing it as "fatally flawed" and claiming that it was difficult to find anything in it which was "a positive force for good". Sterling steadfastly refused to budge.

Set free from the incubus of being seen as the mouthpiece of the Prime Minister, Sir Alan can follow his inclinations and be as controversial as he likes from the new-found safety of the lecture rostrum. At the same time he has the satisfaction of knowing that his views are continuing to reach the Prime Minister: via the megaphone of the press rather than on a piece of paper marked confidential. Doubtless they will still make their way into the red box. Sir Alan is thus freer to advise than he ever was when actually in Mrs Thatcher's employ.

How important all this is is another matter. Both Sir Alan and his former employer are in danger of being overtaken by events. Sir Alan may rail and Mrs Thatcher may prevaricate but Europe seems to be moving inexorably towards monetary co-operation. Economic gurus, be they "defunct philosophers" such as John Maynard Keynes or insiders such as Lords Balogh and Kaldor, may be of their age. Sir Alan's was a voice for the 1980s. It is not yet clear that it will also be one for the 1990s.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

with anything other than a tax on

If these services were to be so

financed then the community

charge could be reduced by nearly

50 per cent; it would be seen to be

fair and fewer people would need

of community charge exemptions threaten to make even more of the

populace dependent on the State.

Not what American colonists wanted; or what today's British

RODNEY E. B. ATKINSON,

From Mr Charles Hendry
Sir, Your editorial, "Capping
without a cause" (April 4), overlooks two key factors. In Derby-

shire, there is no local accountability until 1993, when we can next vote to rid ourselves of

our high-spending Labour county council. Until then, charge-capping offers the only realistic option for protecting people from exorbitant community charges.

And, if Derbyshire County

Council, in reducing its spending

levels, decides to cut services rather than the amount of other

people's money it spends on self-

publicity, supporting nuclear-free

zones and parties to celebrate the

release of Nelson Mandela, we shall make sure that every voter in

the area understands the council's

In Derbyshire there is every

cause for community charge-cap-

ping — and real gratitude and relief

that the Government has done it.

Yours faithfully

CHARLES HENDRY

(Prospective parliamentary candidate),

From Professor R. J. Crampton

Sir, If a Labour government introduces a "roof tax", will there be discrimination against those whose roofs were installed by a Thatcher rather than a Tyler?

develop a coherent identity and

many managers still seem to be involved in what could best be

described as a power struggle to establish their dominance over

It seems unlikely that these

problems will be resolved until

either a new generation of man-

agers has grown up within the NHS, or the resources are made available to attract in managers of

real ability from outside (though

many critics have argued that

there would simply not be enough

people of the requisite calibre to go round, even if the Government

decided seriously to embark upon

With these issues at the front of

my mind, Lord McColl's support

for the notion that local managers

should be responsible for the

major local decisions associated

with the reforms left me with a

Charing Cross and Westminster

Sir, Dr J. L. G. Thomson, in his

letter about Myodil (April 5), implies that once a causal link has

been established between the use

of the product and the injury, it

follows that compensation will be

awarded to the patient. This is not

A plaintiff who alleges negligence, as in the Myodil litigation, will have to demonstrate that one

or more of the defendants, who

could include the supplier or a

health authority, acted negligently by falling below the standard of reasonable care. Proving causa-

tion alone is not sufficient to

establish liability.

Yours faithfully, JOHN KELLEHER,

sense of deep foreboding.

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GYLES R. GLÖVER,

Yours faithfully, RICHARD CRAMPTON,

University of Kent, Rutherford College,

The University, Canterbury, Kent.

doctors and nurses.

this latter course).

Yours faithfully

Medical School.

Myodil case

correct.

From Mr John Kelleher

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la Hardwick Mount,

Buxton, Derbyshire.

April 7.

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citizens want.

60 Ashbourne Court,

Yours etc.,

Indeed the number and variety

to be exempted from payment.

Continued furore over poll tax

From Mr J. L. Nicholson Sir, The furore over the poll tax is explained by the combination of three basic facts. First, the most progressive part of our tax system - income tax - has been made much less progressive than it used to be by successive reductions in the higher rates of tax and the abolition of the investment income surcharge.

Secondly, the yield of indirect taxes, which in general are modcratchy regressive, has grown faster in recent years and is now much larger than the yield of income tax: thus the lessening progressive effect of indirect taxes just about offset each other.

Thirdly, on top of chang which have favoured people with high at the expense of those with low incomes, comes the inane poll tax (your own description, March 21). Its regressive impact is exacer-bated by the fact that it replaces a tax which, being based on prop-erty values, is moderately progres-sive. The public's reaction has

been predictable. Yours truly, J. L. NICHOLSON, 53 Frognal, NW3.

From Mr R. E. B. Atkinson Sir, Conor Cruise O'Brien ("Thatcher hero who should be heeded", April 6) is right to compare the tea duty on our American colony with today's community charge, but not because they both "violated Burkean principles". The connection between the two issues is an important fiscal principle - that flat-rate duties or charges to fund general State spending are illogical and cannot be forced on the people, no matter how many

temptions are introduced. Flat-rate charges are widely accepted for television licences, car vehicle licences and stamps since these are related to an individual's "purchase" of a spe-cific service — a principle which can be extended to charging a community for community services, like refuse collection, street lighting, sewerage, libraries etc. But the community charge is being used to finance national "public goods" like education, police, social services and council housing which are not necessarily individually consumed and are the result of national Government decisions. It is totally inappro-priate to finance these services

Hospital managers

From Dr Gyles R. Glover Sir, Lord McColl's contribution in the second reading debate on the NHS and Community Care Bill on April 3 highlighted one of the major anxieties felt by moderate critics of this legislation.

Ennals, Lord McColl asserted that the decision over whether a hospital should opt for self-governing status was rightly a decision for managers. Within the philosophy of the reforms, with their emphasis on the need for the NHS to become more "business-like", this seems evidently right.

However, the question this aises is whether the NHS has a body of managers competent to manage it in its present form, let alone to pilot it through the complex reorganisation proposed. Earlier in his speech, Lord McColl emphasised the need to improve management salaries.

The crystallisation of general management as a discipline sepa-rate from the professions and from administration is a relatively recent development in the health service. In many areas it has yet to

Mea culpa . . .

From Mr Kenneth Drummond Sir, The recent spate of frank admissions by, for instance, the Governor of the Bank of England and Sir Geoffrey Howe of policy mistakes and forecasting errors (leading article, April 9) brings to mind a remark by Winston Chur-chill. Commenting on Stanley Baldwin's sustained leadership of the Conservative Party in the 1920s and 1930s, during which he was three times Prime Minister, he said that one of Mr Baldwin's astute techniques, which invariably drew support in the House of Commons was "the successful avowal of mistakes".

Mrs Thatcher please note. Yours faithfully, KENNETH DRUMMOND, 93 Longdown Lane South, Epsom Downs, Surrey. April 9.

Duty-free goods

From Mr I. D. Ferguson
Sir, On the BBC Radio 4 programme You and Yours on March 27, we were very surprised to hear a British MEP, Mr Brian Cassidy, state, when referring to intra-EC duty and tax-free allowances, "was it worth supporting an industry centred round booze and fags?"

The UK and the Republic of Ireland took the initial steps to develop what has now become a world-wide duty and tax-free market, with a turnover well in excess of £2 billion.

It is a contributing industry, the profits from which make a direct reduction to travel costs, and its existence provides employment and an important additional export market.

This great British and Irish achievement is, however, under direct threat from the EC Commission, to whom, from a purist and bureacratic point of view, it does not have a place in the European Single Market. A serious threat to UK manufacturers and suppliers as the EC represents

Theodore Goddard (Solicitors), 150 Aldersgate Street, EC1. April 6. approximately 50 per cent of the world duty and tax-free market; also to travellers who will lose an accepted privilege and see their travel costs rise to compensate the operators for the loss in profit from their duty and tax-free sales.

Because of its importance to the United Kingdom, we feel it is the loyal duty of all UK MEPs to support the retention of these allowances, at least until full fiscal harmonisation of internal duties. To lose this market would be a major loss to this country with the Scotch whisky industry alone losing an export market of approximately 40 million - i.e., equivalent to their sixth largest export market.

Surely the least we can expect of our MEPs is to look after our

Yours sincerely, I. D. FERGUSON (Secretary, Association of Suppliers to Airlines, Airports and Shipping), Talland Hill, Polperro, Cornwall.

Regions' loss of Arts Council support

From Sir Hugh Willatt Sir, The destruction of the Arts Council as we have known it results from the Luce/Palumbo proposals, which go beyond no doubt necessary changes. What matters is the effect on the arts. Will the regional arts bodies do the

job better? The major part of the Arts Council's work (not perhaps the most newsworthy) consists in the support of the country's theatre, orchestra, opera and dance com-panies, 60 or 70 of them, some in London, the majority in the regions. Their professions are constituted on a nationwide basis.

Is it really a good idea to hive off a small group as national institutions, alone qualifying for Arts Council help? Our theatre, for example, has a great reputation internationally, based not only on the work of the National and the RSC. They are, in size and resources, and often (not invariably) in quality, the leaders of our theatre as a whole. And will our best and most promising actors, directors and designers be encouraged to work outside London and on this the regional companies so much depend - if this

artificial division is made? Close involvement in the arts in a provincial city during the earlier part of my life taught me the value of the Arts Council link and, for certain activities, the disadvan-tage of total dependence on locally

Hong Kong and race From Mr Norman Tebbit, CH, MP for Chingford (Conservative)

Sir, In an article in The Times (April 10) Lord Wyatt accused me and the overwhelming majority of the British people of racism and for good measure he added in my case the charge of committing a

To whom or what does he believe I am disloyal? Certainly not to the Conservative Party's 1974 election pledge that there would be no further large-scale immigration nor that of tight control to minimise numbers made in 1979, 1983 and 1987, nor to those who voted Conservative at those elections in the light of

As to racism, if, in Lord Wyatt's view, those pledges constitute racism then he must regard the Prime Minister herself, her predecessor Mr Heath, and all who stood as Conservative candidates in those elections, as racists too.

partners.

English on ships

From Mr N. P. Howard Sir, As an ex-merchant seaman, I was appalled to read your correspondent's account (April 9) of the linguistic confusion among the crew who had to cope with the tragic fire aboard the Scandinavian Star. For over a decade, ships' officers in charge of watches have been required by a convention of the International Maritime Organization to communicate in English, from ship to ship or from ship to shore.

On passenger vessels in particular, but on most ships in general, the problems of one language for on-board communications have been neglected. It is regrettable, at a time when crews aboard flag of convenience vessels come from various language backgrounds, that no provisions for common language requirements are in force for key personnel on board.

If English is to continue as the general language for use at sea, then its present restricted forms must be widened in their application. The attitude among those who have drawn up the present systems of maritime English is that it is impossible to raise the standards of basic English for all scafarers of all countries.

If this is so, then shipowners operating passenger vessels must take on the burden of this responsibility, and train bilingual crew members of all ranks to work with ssengers in conformity with the enforceable safety procedures. Yours sincerely N. P. HOWARD. University of Sheffield. Division of Continuing Education.

Sheffield, South Yorkshire. April 9.

Question of taste From Mrs Jill Godfrey

Sir, A vanilla Home Office folder (report on drugs misuse, April 10). Sounds delicious - and what an exciting marketing opportunity it offers! My dilemma is this: shall I ask

my stationery supplier to flavour the pale green file covers I use with stachio or peppermint? Yours faithfully, JILL GODFREY 9 Briton Hill Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, Surrey. April 10.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (01)782 5046.

Relationship with the Arts Council does not mean London dominance. Most of these organisations came into being as a result of local effort, their governing bodies are local, their subsidy

or regionally administered funds.

comes increasingly from local authorities, and private sources also contribute. But a vital element in the pattern has been Arts Council support and encouragement, independent of local poli-tics, and based on assessment by specialist officers and panels consisting of leaders of distinguished members of the pro-

Why can this system no longer operate? Until recently at any rate, it did so, and triumphantly. The evidence is the flourishing state of the arts here since the war. As to "strategy for the arts" and "accountability" - the Arts Coun-cil's proposed residual functions these must be based on responses to the ever-changing needs and initiatives of artists and artistic organizations and should not be imposed by a body remote from what is going on. Luke Rittner's resignation (report, March 29) is highly significant. Yours faithfully, HUGH WILLATT

(Secretary-General, The Arts Council, 1968-75), 4 St Peter's Wharf, Hammersmith Terrace, W6.

The issue is not just a matter of

immigration policy. There is no reason to believe that the clever

device of giving British passports

to an elite minority of Hong Kong people will persuade them to stay

in Hong Kong as the Government hopes. Indeed the Government

has little faith in the logic of its

own argument or it would have

agreed with my proposal that the passports should not become valid

Even worse, since it is clear that

the long-term future of Hong

Kong depends upon the Chinese, not the British Government, it

strikes me and many others as most unwise to proceed with

legislation plainly unacceptable to

Lord Wyatt concludes his arti-cle with a plea that I should refrain

from stabbing my own Govern-ment. It is not I who am stabbing

the Government. Sadly it is the

Government which is playing the

Finally, if I may address my old friend Woodrow through these columns, I should say that I rate

my loyalty to my electors, my

country and my party above that

even to my Government. As a

man who became a national figure

but now supports the Government

so strongly, I had hoped he would

as a member of the Labour

understand my position.

Yours faithfully, NORMAN TEBBIT,

House of Commons.

until 1997.

Roman fool.

stunning "act of disloyalty".

those pledges.

The Independent newspaper poll to which Lord Wyatt refers does not suggest to me that the British people who oppose the Government's policy on this issue by more than two to one are racist. A majority simply do not want any more immigrants, whether they are West Indian, Indian, Pakistani, Chinese, Jews or from the white Commonwealth or indeed our European Community

> **Defence priorities** From Major-General R. S. N.

Sir, In his thoughtful analysis of the defence White Paper (April 4) Michael Evans lists a selection of units which, in his own words, now "face the firing line". Whereas it must be accepted that some reorientation of our defence effort will be necessary, equally, the Western Allies and in particular the British Government should be on their guard against succumbing to the rising clamour

April 11.

for the so-called "peace divi-The public must be adjured to appreciate that if any lasting dividend is gained from the erosion of the Soviet threat it has come about from the highly successful investment in Nato an investment which has been founded on the dedication and professionalism of our Armed

A flourishing investment normally pays dividends to those whose steadfast support contributed to its success. It would indeed be ironic if the reward to many of our servicemen was now to be the curtailment of their professional careers.

Yours faithfully, ROWLEY MANS, Ivy Bank Cottage, Vinegar Hill, Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.

Measure for measure

From Mr Roger Stiles Sir, Your letter from Mrs S. V. Parker (April 7) made me chuckle. As a farmer, I work in kilograms per hectare, and sell my milk to the marketing board in litres. Where they sell it in pints. Yours faithfully. ROGER STILES, Field Place, Dunsfold, Godalming,

From Mr Peter Phelan Sir, When the Metrication Board was set up, the first Director of Metrication was reported as saying that there would be no one date on which the change would take place, as there had been with decimal currency, but "Everyone will go metric at their own pace".

How prophetic! Hence the present-day confusion in weights and measures and the "despair" of your pedagogic correspondent Mrs Parker. Yours faithfully, PETER PHELAN, Ashleigh, Long Park,

Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Chesham Bois,

THE VERY REV RONALD JASPER

OBITUARIES

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 11: By command of The Queen, the Lord Somerleyton (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Colombia and Senora de Barco and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her

This afternoon The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, attended a reception at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge,

London. Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in

KENSINGTON PALACE April 11: The Prince of Wales, President, gave a dinner for the Committee of Patrons of the National Museums of Scotland.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 11: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Scottish Children's League which was held at the City on August 17, 1917. Chambers, Edinburgh.

Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Councillor Eleanor McLaughlin, The Right Hon the Lord Provost).

The Hon Mis Wills was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 11: Princess Alexandra
and Sir Angus Ogilvy were
entertained at Dinner this
evening by His Excellency the
Royal Napalese Ambassador
and Madame Bharat Kesher
Simha at 12a Kensington Palace
Gardens, London W8.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.D. Vincent and the Hon Louisa Vivian

and the Hon Louisa Vivian
The engagement is announced
between Paul David, only son of
Mr and Mrs Peter Vincent, of
Ferrers, 16 Gaddum Road,
Bowdon, Cheshire, and Louisa
Caroline Sarah, younger
daughter of Lord Swansea, of 16
Cheyne Gardens, London SW3,
and of the late Mirjam Lady and of the late Miriam Lady

Flying Officer R.L.D. Mavor, RAF

and Miss K. Hall, BSc, BDS The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Air Marshal Sir Leslie and Lady Mavor, of Alne, York, and Katherine, younger daughter of Mr R. Hall, FRCS, and Dr M. Hall, of York.

Mr N.J. Cross and Miss N. Morris The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr John Cross, CBE, and Mrs Cross, of Ixworth, Suffolk, and Non, second daughter of the Rt Hon John Morris, QC, MP, and Mrs Morris, of Llandysul,

Mr W.V.M. Denny The engagement is announced between Walter Victor Marcel, second son of Mr Richard Denny, of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Gareth Raymont, of Dorrington, Lincolnshire, and Lorna Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Statham, of Aylesbury,

Mr J.S. Dedd and Miss M.A. Roberts The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Dodd, of Muswell Hill, London, and Margaret, younger daughter of Mr George and the late Peggy Roberts, and step-daughter of Mrs Sheila Roberts, of Mickleton, Gloucestershire.

Mr D. Evans vuss J.E. I The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D. Evans, of Birre, Cascais, Portugal, and Jane Ellen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.C. Thorogood, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, presently at Karen, Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr M.C. Evans

and Mrs Michael Creene The Lee, Great Miss Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.D. Stewart and Miss CF. Knights Cascais, Portugal, and Jane

Mr M.C. Evans and Miss C.J. Evans The engagement is announced between Matthew Charles. younger son of Mr and Mrs John Evans, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Caroline Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Evans, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages Dr J.R. Hamilton

and Dr H. Bullard The marriage took place on Thursday, April 5, in Barkham, Berkshire, between Dr John Richard Hamilton, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Hamilton, and Dr Henrietta Bullard, daughter of Lady Bullard and the late Sir

and Miss E. Cowley
The marriage took place on
Saturday, April 7, between
Donough O'Brien, son of the
late Mr and Mrs E.D. (Toby) O'Brien, and Elizabeth (Liz) Cowley, daughter of Lt Gen Sir John and Lady Cowley, of Boldre, Lymington, Hants.

Mr G.P. Zundel and Miss T.C. Wyndham Found The marriage took place on Saturday, April 7, at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, SW3, of Mr Gareth Zundel, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Zundel, to Miss Tessa Christina Wyndham Found, daughter of Mr Nigel Wyndham Found and of Mrs David Rutland. Father Andrew Brenninkmeyer, OSB, officiated, assisted by Father

Antony Conlon. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Sophie Wyndham Found, Miss Jessie Province of the Soci Jameson, Katie Gibbs, Joshua and Harry Banks and Simon Nicholson. Mr Marc Zundel

was best man. A reception was held at 30 Pavilion Road, Knightsbridge, and the honeymoon will be spent in the Far East.

Birthdays today

Mr Alan Ayckbourn, playwright, 51; Lord Bruce-Gardyne, 60; Miss Moniserrat Caballé, opera singer, 57; Mr H.R. Hewitt, former chairman Johnson Matthey, 70; the Right Rev John T. Hughes, former Bishop to the Forces, 82; Mr Uwe Kitzinger, president, Templeton College, Oxford, 62; the Earl of Limerick, 60; Mr A.W. Mabbs, archivist, 69; Mr Bryan Magee, writer, 60; Air Marshal Sir Harold Maguire, 78; Mr E.C. Meade, chartered accountant, 67; Mr Bobby Moore, footballer, 49; Lady Ricketts, former chairman, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, 71; Mrs Wendy Savage, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 55.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

land than Ronald Jasper.

Book was published in 1980.

church for many years and

was not just a twentieth century fidget. This no doubt

assured his place on the

York, Dr Donald Coggan,

decided he must give up the

chairmanship of the Liturgical

Commission and Dr Jasper

By this time he was lectur-

ing in liturgy at King's Coll-

ege, London, and was

acquiring a further reputation

as an ecclesistical biographer.

A life of Bishop Headlam of

Gloucester had appeared in

1960 and he was well on with

the authorised biography of George Bell of Chichester.

in life I had always wanted to

do and to take on the Com-

mission would involve a seri-

His book, Leptospirosis in

Man and Animals (written in

collaboration with J.C. Broom

and published in 1958), is still

the standard reference book

Most cases of Leptospirosis

(a form of jaundice also known as Weil's disease) are

now in the United Kingdom

due to immersion in polluted

water either through asso-

ciated occupations or to lei-

sure activities and in

occupations associated with

When Alston first started

cattle and dairy farming.

aged 89.

on the subject.

3.45.

Luncheons

"I was doing the very things

was persuaded to take it on.

In 1964 the Archbishop of

original commission.

Resurrection.

Cathedral in 1955.

Mr M.H.P. Falk and Miss E.M. Ironside

The engagement is announced between Magnus, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Falk, of High House, Bressingham, Norfolk, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Ironside, of Colinton, Edinburgh.

> and Miss H.L. Taylor The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.K.D. de Ferrars, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight, and Helen Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Taylor, of Tarvin, Cheshire.

Mr C.B. Johns and Miss C.M. Jamieson

The engagement is announced between Christopher Brian, only son of Mrs S. Johns and the late Mr B. Johns, of Ecclesfield. Sheffield, and Corral Mary, only child of Mr and Mrs H.W. Jamieson, of Kirriemuir, Angus.

Mr K. Macnab and Miss C. Brindley

The engagement is announced between Kenneth son o the Reverend Andrew and Birmingham, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Brindley, of Wimbledon.

Mr G.P. Pelham-Lane and Miss L.F. Symington Weir

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mrs B.J. Pelham-Lane, of Bloxham, Oxfordshire, and of the late Mr David Pelham-Lane, and Lois Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Symington Weir, of London, SW11.

2nd Lt M.D.S. Raper and Miss Z.S. Greenough

The engagement is announced between 2nd Lt Michael Raper, Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons), second son of Mr and Mrs Brian Raper, of Sea Moor Farm, Silsden, West Yorkshire, and Zoë, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Greenough, of The Lee, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

The engagement is announced between Nigel Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Stewart, of Wembley, Middx, and Carol Frances, daughter of Mrs Dorothy Frank and the late Mr Kenneth Knights, of Chorleywood, Bucks.

Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves

Brigadier Kenneth Hargreaves, CBE, KStJ, TD, LLD, DL, Lord-Lieutenant for the West Riding of the County of Yorkshire 1970-1974, and Lord-Lieutenant for the County of West Yorkshire 1974-1978. A memorial service will be held at Selby Abbey, North Yorkshire, at noon on Thursday, May 10, 1990. Admission by ticket only. Application for tickets, includanisation, if any, represented and an addressed envelope should be made to: Mrs K. Wheelhouse, Knowle Spring Brewery, Keighley, West York-shire BD21 1AW, not later than Friday, April 20, 1990.

Lt Col Robin Hastings

A memorial service for Lt Col Robin Hastings, DSO, OBE, MC, will take place in Win-chester Cathedral, on Monday, April 23, at 2.30 pm.

St Mary's Hall

The Trustees of the British Province of the Society of Jesus are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr R.F. O'Brien, Deputy Headmaster of Stonyhurst College, to succeed Mr P.A. Anwyl, as Headmaster of St Mary's Hall Preparatory School, Stonyhurst, with effect from September 1990.

Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury

April 16: Centenary Service, Chapel 6.30 pm. Preacher: the Reverend Canon Ian Duniop, Chancellor of the Cathedral. May 12: Verdi's Requiem, the Cathedral 7.30 pm.
July 14: Founders Day Service, the Cathedral 7.30 pm. Champagne reception, the Guildhall 8.00 pm. September 25: 1st XV v OWs. September 27: Speech Day, the

Cathedral 7.30 pm. Chief guest:

Andrew Harvey (OW).
October 20: OW Association

December 13: Carol Service, the

Centenary Dinner.

Cathedral 7.30 pm.

TA&VRA for Wales



ous disruption," he said at the Liturgical Group. time. His first inclination, then, was to say no. But he the papers of Bishop Frere, who had been much involved in the abortive revision of 1927/8, (published as Walter Howard Frere: Correspondence and Memoranda on Liturgical Revision and Construction, 1954) had given him an almost unique insight into the pitfalls awaiting this

kind of work in the Church of glimpsed a vision of the possibilities of ecumenical liturgical cooperation. In 1963 he had persuaded

fish-packing.

the risks.

parts of the world.

England. In addition, he had can II Constitution on the then Archbishop of of the International Con-Canterbury, Dr Michael Ram- sultation on English Texts. sey, to issue invitations to all Thus he had a part in influencthe main churches in Britain ing the contents of the Liturgy his daughter Christine is mar-

DR MAXWELL ALSTON

sewers, and fish-cleaning and portantly, the training of

because of improvement in warranted assumption that

personal and environmental antibiotic drugs have solved

hygiene based on awareness of most of the problems of

Alston's work on Lepto- was born in London of Scot-

spirosis, beginning in the tish parents, left George Wat1930s and continued until his son School, Edinburgh in 1917

retirement in 1965, had a but did not commence his

considerable effect on the medical training until 1919 as,

improvements which occurred in these occupations.

though under age, with the First World War on he pre-

he noted the advances but He qualified at Edinburgh

at Infectious Diseases (1967), Corps as a flight cadet.

e of the disease neglected because of "the un-

infection.'

Jasper served as its secretary until his retirement in realised that his long study of 1984 and in that time had edited the books which have had a significant influence on the revision of the Service Books of many churches in Great Britain and in other

In 1966 he was appointed an official observer to the Concilium Liturgicum, which had been set up to work out the implications of the Vati-Sacred Liturgy. As a result of doing this work he was appointed co-chairman, with the late Canon Harold Winstone,

times seem "headmasterly".

to come together in the Joint in every English-speaking ried to a parish priest.

specialists in infectious dis-

James Maxwell Aiston, who

Dr Maxwell Alston, bacteriolo-gist and pioneer in the study of Britain it was chiefly asso-Weil's disease, died on April 6, ciated with mining, working in diseases and, more im-University in 1924, winning the Wightman Prize in clinical

There followed two spells as lecturer in the bacteriology These occupations are now eases ran the risk of being department there. In 1927 he fellowship, and spent the next two years doing research at Harvard.

In 1933 Alston took up an appointment as head of the Archway Group Laboratory, one of several such laboratories set up by the then LCC to serve London's hospitals.

His first wife died in 1968. In a later book, A New Look ferred to join the Royal Flying He is survived by his second wife, Marie, and one daughter and one stepson.

ST COLLIMBA'S CHIMICH OF SCOT-LAND. Pont Street. SW1: Spm HC, Rev W A Cairna. GROWN COLRT CHIMICH OF SCOT-LAND. Covent Garden. WC2: 1-1.30. CHURCH: OF OUR LADY. Lisson Grove. St John's Wood: 8 Missa. Plainscong Util (Victoria). Ab crtu solie flyrtdi. Cram quest agues (Victoria). THE ORATORY. Sementon Road. SW7: 6-30pm hissa. Util Centras et Amor (Outrufie). Ave verum corpus (Byrd).

Amor (Durufie), Ave verum corpus (SUTO).

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SM, Mass in D (Lotti). Timor et tremer (Poulsm)

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SWZ: 6.30pm Mass., Missa stouplex (Lotti).

Uni Carlias et Vera (Pisinchem). Ave Maria (Paure).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, WS: 6.30 SM of the Lord's Supper & Procession., Adoramus Te Christe (Palestria). Ave Warm (Syro). Jesum tradidi implus (Victoria).

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH. WI: 6.30pm Passover Mess.

Mean.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (La-therman), Gresham S. SC≥ 7.30pm HC. Lecton de Tambhrus Ell (Couperin), Nev R T England. WESTHOMSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodis), SW1: 12 Rev B Beck 7.30 Rev Dr R J Todor.

Rugby School Trinity Term begins on Wednesday, April 18, and ends on Saturday, June 30.

The Exeat is from Friday, May

25, to Tuesday, May 29. Leave Out Weekends are on May 5/6 and June 16/17. Major-General P.R. Jones, Colonel of the King's Regiment, will inspect the CCE on Thursday, May 10.

Old Rugheian Day is on Sat-

urday, May 12. On Sunday, June 24, there will be a Charity Polo Tournament on Far and

Near Polo. Speech Day is on Saturday, June 30. Visiting

Speakers during the term include Professor R.W. Hepburn (Edinburgh University); Professor Bernard Bergonzi (Warwick University); Dr David Saunders (Newcastle University); Dr D.

(Cambridge University), J.M. Raisman (Deputy Chairman, British Telecom); Captain Nigel

The science report

appears in the science

and technology section,

pages 33-36.

Morgan.

Rugby School

country throughout the world. John Henry Faulk, American television networks to repor humorist and fierce opponent of McCarthyism, died in In 1968 Jasper became a Canon of Westminster and Texas, the state where he was from this base, so conveniently near to Church House, born 76 years ago, on April 9 of its chief operators for libel after a lengthy fight against and in 1962 won a ther major work of which the cancer.

JOHN HENRY FAULK

on entertainers with pur

Faulk sued Aware and two

unprecedented damage aware

of \$3.5million. Even wher

appellate courts reduced the

amount to \$725,000, it re-

The verdict ended the prac

tice of black-listing and was a

major setback for McCarthy.

ism. But the case took a long time to come to trial and Johnny Faulk had spent six years on the black list, which

effectively rained a previously

He was subpoensed had never called to testify before

McCarthy's committee; he de-

tailed his ordeal in the best-

selling book, Fair on Trial,

which was made into a tele-

vision film in 1975 and

shown, ironically, by the network whose radio division had fired him earlier, CBS.

Faulk collected only about

\$75,000 of the jury award

from the penniless defendants. He always be-

lieved that Aware's attack on

him was in retaliation for his .

election, on an anti-blackfire

ing platform, as an officer in

New York City's American

Federation of Television and

In recent years he had been

building a career as an after.

His first marriage ended in

divorce shortly after the 1962.

dinner speaker and expert on .

the First Amendment.

Radio Artists.

false accusations levelled by Aware Inc, a group of self-appointed vigilantes paid by second wife, Elizabeth.

SIR ERIC WEISS

promising television career.

mained a record.

ported communist leanings.

The spirit of Texas and its to be the fruition. inhabitants was usually at the core of the jokes and stories of There was now no time for teaching or ecclesiastical biog-John Henry Faulk, Hecame of raphies, instead he had the an old Texan family and grew task of not only chairing the up in Austin. He studied folklore at the University of Commission and drafting many of its documents. Texas and went on teach it there.

When asked to take on the role of chairman he had It was probably at this time questioned Archbishop Cogthat the seeds were sown of the gan: "How long?". The obvious reply came back: "Until stories he was to tell and the characters he imitated so easthe whole job is done." Five ily, with a good deal of rocking-chair wisdom. Not for nothing was he to be known as years before that he left London to return North as Dean of York. the "new Will Rogers".

Because of severe eye prob-There he was able to comlems, he was unable to join the armed forces during the Sec-ond World War. Instead, bine with his national and international liturgical duties the task of successfully seeing Faulk signed on with the through a liturgical reordering of the nave and doing signifi-Merchant Marine and later cant work in the Lady Chapel worked for the American Red and the Zouche Chapel. He Cross in the Middle East. also set in motion the rescue, Finally allowed to join the Army for limited service, he was on Christmas leave in conservation and restoration of the 15th Century St Williams College. Dean Jasper's New York in 1945 when CBS time at York alas, came to a Executives heard him telling dramatic conclusion: he was country stories at a party. present to see the fire which He soon had his own radio destroyed the roof and the show, Johnny's Front Porch, and then became a regular

vault of the South transept. As Chairman of the Liturtelevision face on panel gical Commission he did not always find the task of presenting material to the But in 1957 the network suddenly fired him and Faulk Synod easy and would someblamed this development on

he was engaged in all the

Alternative Service Book was

However this belied the courtesy and consideration with which he presided over the Commission's meeting and revealed nothing of the man who very much enjoyed the post-meeting sessions in, say, the pub at Appletreewick, sharing his pint of Theakstone's Old Peculiar with his colleagues and friends. He wore all his distinctions lightly.

He is survived by his wife Betty. His son David is ordained and is Principal of St Chad's College, Durham, and

Sir Eric Weiss, who was simply placing an advertisement in a newspaper. During the Second World

responsible for many develop-ments in the metallurgical industry, died aged 81 on March 26. He was born on War the government provided ... a specially-constructed factory at Drayton Manor, Tamworth, for Fosco to Going into business early make speciality chemicals and working for his uncle's firm in Halle, Germany, used in the manufacture of torpedoes and aircraft frames. Weiss had come to England

An agreement after the warwith another British company. for that company in 1929. Recognizing that the shadow of Nazism threatened his Minerals Separation Ltd (Minsep), enabled Foseco to take full advantage of the future he chose to settle here opportunities for expansion. When his Foundry Services

Internationalism was a Company (Foseco) started up theme of Eric Weiss's personal to supply chemically com-pounded fluxes to the foundry career. He felt that a broad and, above all internationeconomic climate was any- ally-oriented education for. thing but inviting. He and his young people offered the best partner took a £250 loan and promise of securing a more started mixing chemicals in peaceful world. Weiss was president of the United World Colleges and a governor of Oakham School, Rutland

He was knighted in 1980 for gassing of aluminium—a need spotted by Weiss—gave the business its main impetus.

his efforts in the field and foreign trade.

In 1988, to coin his efforts in the field of export

In 1988, to coincide with the founder's 80th birthday, the company established a Chair of Metallurgy in his honour at Birmingham University.

United States was appointed
as early as 1934, found by two sons and two daughters.

Services for Maundy Thursday Today's royal engagements

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will be present at the Maundy Service in the Cathedral Church of St Nicholas, Newcastle upon Type at 11.00 when the Queen will distribute the Royal Maundy during the The Queen will open the Royal Suite at Heathrow Airport at 4.05. The Duke of Edinburgh, patron will visit the Royal Northum-berland Yacht Club, Blyth, at The Princess Royal, President of the Royal Yachting Association, will present the prizes for the Children's Optimist Course at the Papercourt Sailing Club, Surrey, at 2.30. Parkinson's Disease Society
The annual luncheon of the
Parkinson's Disease Society was
held yesterday at the Savoy
Hotel to mark the 235th
anniversary of the birth of Dr
Junes Parkinson and the

Millfield School following Senior School major academic awards have been made for September 1990.

Management Consultancies Professor Bryan Carsberg, Director General of Telecommunications, was guest of honour at luncheon yesterday given by the Management Consultan-cies Association, at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Mr David Miller, President of the Association, presided.

anniversary of the birth of Dr James Parkinson and the twenty-first anniversary of the society. Mr Bob Holness, chair-man of the luncheon committee, presided. Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, president of the society, Dr Gerald Stern, chair-man of the medical panel and Mr John Filliott chairman of the

Mr John Elliott, chairman of the

society, also spoke. Sir Alistair Frame, Sir Ronald Arculus, Admiral Sir John Woodward and Mr Anthony Kilmister

were among those present.

Service dinner

Colonel W.P. Howells, Chairman of the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associ-ation for Wales, presided at a dinner held last night at the Cardiff and County Club. Sir Tasker Watkins, VC, and Lady Watkins, Mr Ian Colledge and Mr Gareth Price were among those oresent.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC:
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WEST MINISTER CATHEDRAL: 8 Mass: 10.30 Curists Mass. Mass for Choir & Congregation (Hilb), tubilate Duo (Gabriell). The Spirit of the Lord Cligar). Carillon de Westminster (Vierne). The Cardinal; 6 Mass of the Lord's Supper, Missa O Rex gioriae (Palestrina), Ubi Carilas (Ourule). O secrum convivium (Tailis). The Cardinal. mail.

CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. Russian Orthodox. Emiliarore Golas, SW?: 10 V & Liturgy; 6 M. The Passion of our Land. The Twelve Gospell' readings. GUARDS CHAPEL Wellington Barracks, SW1: 12 HC. But as for us (Plainsong). Wood in C minor, Awe versum corpus (Byrd), The Chaplain. TEMPLE CHURCH, Flort Street, EC4: 1.10 HC. CHAPEL ROYAL Hampton Court Palsec: 7.50 Choral Euch. Jerusalem convertere ad Dominum (Palestrina). The Principal of Millfield Schools, Mr Colin Atkinson, is pleased to announce that the

Misco for September 1990. Scholarships: Caroline Asprey, Misfield Junior School, David Bad-ock, Misfield Junior School, America Misfield Junior School, America Missield Junior School, David Hole, Missield Junior School, Andrew Mack, Millield Junior School, Andrew Mack, Missield Junior School, Timothy School, Wells, Hellen Papworth, Millield Junior School, Timothy Partner, Misfield Junior School, Kingston upon Thames. upon Thames.
Exhibitions: Savard Sarron, Millipeld Junior School, Jamie Bartiett, Millipeld Junior School, Jemie Bartiett, Millipeld Junior School, Teonas Millipeld Junior School, Esspectrate Millipeld Junior School, Esspectrate Millipeld Junior School, Thomas Counsell, The Park School, Bath, James Jackson, Millipeld Junior School, Novinchille Junior School, Nursting, Matthew Pealemen, Millipeld Junior School, Rashmi Ragoowami, Wellow House, Nevark, Catherine Wilson, The Dragon, Oxford.

In addition, 80 pupils aged 13+ and 36 sixth form pupils have been awarded bursaries for September 1990. Awards for September 1991 will be considered from autumn 1990 **Appointments**

Prince Michael of Kent to be the

first Honorary Auxiliary Com-modore of the Royal Naval

Auxiliary Service.

(Adayray).
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ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FELDS. WC26-30 Each of the Last Supper & Vigil
cicles-from the Clarge office).

Lord Stewart of Fulham

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the Rt Hon the Lord Stewart of Fulham, CH, will be held at noon, on Thursday, May 17, 1990, in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Those wishing to be present should write, enclosing an sale, to Mr. Anenclosing an s.a.e., to Mr Andrew Lefever, Pinsent & Co, 12-34 Great Eastern Street, London EC2A 3EH. Tickets will be posted on May 8, 1990.

Mountbatten medal

The Lord Mayor of London, Si Hugh Bidwell, has presented the Royal Life Saving Society's 1988 Mountbatten medal to Miss Penny Clayton, aged 18, a lifeguard at Dunedin, New Zea-

The medal, offered annually for the most gallant rescue throughout the Commonwealth, was awarded for her rescue of a swimmer swept on to dangerous rocks near Dunedin.

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Queen's Counsel

The Queen has approved the names of the following for appointment to the rank of Queen's Counsel: Peter Basil Carter, Professor

December 30, 1908.

industry in 1931 the British

A breakthrough by his part-

ner, Dr Kossy Strauss, with

For a company whose first

year's sales were only £2,400,

with a profit of £40, the first

step across the Atlantic was

huge, but an agent in the

hexachloroethane for the de-

two rooms above a t

shop in Birmingham.

in 1931.

Peter Basil Carter; Professor John Anthony Jolowicz; Lord Wedderburn of Chariton; David Harry Stembridge; Peter Graham; Thomas Stuart Legg, Aban John Howard Hilton; Jonathan Charles Bagot Gilman; Christopher Geoffrey Llewellyn-Jones; David Lederman; Rock Benedict Tansey; Christopher Patrick Brooks Purchas; Michael Stuart-Moore; Andrew Patience; Michael Findlay Baker, Patrick Leonard Howell; Arthur Anthony Rumbelow; Julian James Baughan; Ian George Francis Baughan; Ian George Francis Karsten; Douglas Martin Hogg, MP; David Peter Friedman; Michael Horowitz; Alan Ray-mond Goldsack; Stephen Alexander Hockman; Panal Frederick Worsley.

Roderick Lawrence Denver: Nigel Benjamin Douglas Gilmour, John David Jenkins, David Richard Penton Mole, Anthony Philip Gilson Highes, Roger Eric Thorn; Peter Rich-

University news

Daniel Gruffydd Jones is currently Regional Director in the Department of the Environ-ment and Transport with

. Dr Gareth Elwyn Jones has been appointed to the newly established second chair of education at Aberystwyth.

chancen of Sanora University from October 1. Professor Husband is professor of engineering manufacture, director of the Centre of Robotics and head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Turnerial College London Imperial College London.

and Political Science.

ard Kyle Prescott; Richard Charles Jonathan Phillips; Geoffrey Nice: Kieran Benet Coonan; Colman Maurice
Treacy; Stephen Mackenzie
Miller; Roderick Carus;
Graham Charles Parkins; Nigel
Vivian Marshall Wilkinson; Vivian Marshall Whigheson Anthony Hall Gee: Parrick Elias; Robert Venables; Miss Anne Judith Rafferty.

Guy Thomas Knowles Boney, Alan George Moses; High William Patrick Eccles; Peter, William Birts; Michael Anthony de Navarro; Brian John Barker,
Bernard Joseph Edward,
Livesey; Robert William
Moxon Browne; Patrick John,
Talbot; Michael Gerard AustinSmith; Desmond John Michael,
Smith; Desmond John Michael, Smith; Desmond John Michael; Browne; David Rae Beckwith; Whitehouse; John Lewis; Powell; Terence Michael Elkan; Baraet Etherton; Andrew-Charles Smith; John Wheeler; Marrin; Jonathan William; Henry Bernard Eder; Brian Maxwell Ash; Nicholas Richard Pumfrey: Letrenty Richard Pumfrey; Jeremy Lionel Cooke; Roger Simon Berry; Professor Royston Miles

A scalor civil servant has been appointed to the post of Registrar and Secretary at the University College of Wales Aberystwyth.

responsibility for the South East

Professor Tom M. Husband, FEng, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Saliford Univer-

He will take over as vice-chancellor from Professor John Asliworth, who is leaving Sal-ford to become Director of the London School of Economics

Anniversaries : BIRTHS: Edward Bird, painter Wolverhampton, 1772; Johns George Lambton, 1st Earl of Lambton, statesman, Durham; 1702 1792.

DEATHS: William Kent, archi-London 1748: Charles Burney, music historian, organist and composer, London, 1814: Charles-Joseph Messier, astronomer, Paris, 1817; Feodor Chalianin, best singer and actor, Paris, 1938; Frankim D. Roose-welt, 32nd president of the USA 1933-45, Warm Springs, Georgis, 1945; Antoine Pevsner, sculptor, Paris, 1962; Joe Louis Barrow, the Brown Bomber world heavyweight bexing champion 1937-48, 1981.

Latest wills Sir Geoffrey Charles Fescheville

Rameden, of Hindhead, Surey, Indian civil servant, left exam-valued at £372,243 net. He left much of his estate to Oxfam, the British Heart Foundation, Marie Curie Memorial Founda tion and the Le Court Cheshine.
Home at Greathand, Home at G

heid at 4 Charterhouse Squaro. London EC1M 6EN on 26th April 1990 at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 at seq of

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April 1990.

Datel 5th day of April 1990

Philip Monjack, FCA, Liquidate

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1990 to Kathryn the Pouter) and Dounist, a daughter, Etzbeth, a sister for Thomas and Edward. for Thomas and Edward.

BLADON - On April 10th to
Pabecca (née Hail) and
Simon, a son.

FULLARIO - On April 7th to
Antanda (née Edot-Cobeth)
and Sam., a daughter
Fatherine Emma.

BENE - On April 11th, to
Rusty (née Wilson) and Michael of Inpark, Cattistock, a
daughter, Polly.

BURLARIA - On April 10th to

c/o Sobell House, Oxford.
GLOSSOP - On April 10th,
Descriptly in hospital South
Rossoth Ann, much loved
mother of Richard and
David and grandmother of
Katherine, Edward, Simon.
James and Robert, Foneral
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Road, London, W7., on
Wednesday April 18th of 11
am. Flowers and enquiries
please to E. Sargeant & Son.
61 St. Lamard's Road, Windsor. Tel: (0763) 865882.
GREEN - On April 10th 1990
Berbara (obe Jordan) wife of
Daniel Green Sormerby of
Stretterion Hall, Nortolk,
HITCHCOCK, - On april 10th EMBARA - Cm April 10th in Boston, Mass. to Flora (née Watson) and Jamie, a second GOODNIN - On April 10th to Joanna, wife of John, a taughter, SHERTING THE LANGING THE SHERT SHEET AND APPENDIX AFTER A STANDING AND APPENDIX AFTER A SHEET AND APPENDIX APPE BOWARTH - On April 8th to Chaire and Philip, a son and a chappher. Daniel Charles and Resecca Lydis.

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Vibar.

MAPPER - On April 11th.
peacefully in Harrogele. The
Very Rev. Dr. R.C.D. Jasper.
Dean Emerities of York Service at York Minster on
Wednesday April 15th at
25m followed by private cramation. No flowers please.
donalions to his memory
may be given to Martin
House Hospic, 132 High
Street, Boston
Wetherby, 1523 68W.

England - On April 10th PERO - On April 10th 1990 to Penny-ince Bell) and Sandy. 8 son. Alexander Trouses. a son. Alexander Thomas.

MORSHN' - On April 10th at
The Portland Hospital to
Danae and Nicholas, a son,
Hugo David Velentine,
frother to Jacob.

MORSHEEMS - On April 2nd,
at The Beverley Westwood
Hospital to Deborah (ofen
Procter) and David, a daughter, Anna Lucy.

MATERIAMY - On April 5th at ENGINES - On April 10th 1990, Bernard Antony-Jessings, former Legal Adviser to the BBC. Greatly lossed friend of Dr Spinstern ter, Anna Lucy.

MATERIARY - On April Sthat
The Portland Hospital to
Muni (nie O'Sullivan) and
Richard a dauptter.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

thing air in the weary body.

(Sandro Penna). Funeral on April 20th at 10 am, 81 John the Evangelist. Duncan Terrace, NI. No flowers. Please send densitions to the Landon Lighthouse. Enquiries to 01-225 3886. LEGIARD:COPSEY - On April 12th 1330-between Mick and Over. Congratulations on your special day, all our love Semantine and Kirsten. ZO 3886.

JEDRINGS - On April 10th Bernard Automy after a long liness at Middlesex Hospital aged 50. Dearly loved son of Constance Nora and the lake Bernard. Requelsn mass at St. John The Evangatist. Duncan Terrace, Blington on Friday April 20th at 10am. Rest in Peace.

JONEW - On April 8th, peacelely after many years of
lines, The honourable Lady
Agnew, Doreen, aged 81.
Widow of Sir Geoffrey Agnew, the youngest daughter
of the first Barron Jessel, and
mother of Jennifer, Jonathan
and Julian, Funeral as
Planty Vale crematorium,
on Friday 27th April at 5 pm.
1990, Arnold Roy Andrew
fronder of Roberts Engineering Company, Masseal Ltd. ing Company. Masseal Ltd.
Flangard Dampers Ltd and
inca Valves & Controls Ltd.
Loves by all.

Rest in Peace.

LITTLER - On April 9th, John of Westbury Park, Bristol after a short litness aged 66. Sentor partner of Cartwrights, Bristol, Beloved hosband of Barbara. Funeral service Friday April 20th, St. Mary Redcliffe Caurch Bristol at mon followed by private family interment. Family flowers only by recuest. Donations warmply welcomed for the British Heart Foundation c/o Thomas Davids. Funeral Directors. Southville Lodge, Southville, Bristol.

LLOFD - On April 10th, 14 BESSET On April 7th, Vernon, is his 9001 year. Family It-post today. parel today.

JOMENS On April 9th.
Peter R. aped 76. beloved
Internal of Phill and zouch
Jored father of Caroline.
June, Michael. Sarah and
Becca and dear Poppa' to his
10 grandchildren. No flowets, piesse, but donations if
desired to National Trust.
Memorial service later.

MARSEY On Tuesday April
10th suddenly. Sir Hash
Treinis Colume K.C.V.O.
O.B.E., M.C. Husband of
Flora. Antony, Jane. Sarah LLOYD - On April 10th, L Col. Humburs' Lloyd, lake The Royal Dragoons, Private cremation. At his own request no Memorial Service. Please no letters, donations if desired, to Humt Servant's Benefit Society. The Old School. Cirencester. Glos.

Joyce, much lower tenses.
Flore, Antony, Jame, Sarah
and kim, Funeral private,
memorial service in London MORKESSEY - On April 7th, Dr John Declan Morrissoy, aged 73. Service Thursday April 19th at Graylingwell to be amounced later. Dona-tions to the Army Benevolent. Finel. 41 Queens Cale. London SW7. CARRASSI DEL VELLAR - On Arri etc. Diedre Anne. wife of the Marchese Diego Chrassi del Villar and daughter of Diana and the late Peter Jackson and sister of the his Mark and Martin diany, aged 52. Much loved. Finensi private. Hospital Chapet, Calchester at 12.15pm. Family Howers only, donalisms if desired to Graylingwell Hospital Ame-nity Fund. c/o Edward White & Son. 5 South Pallant, Chichester. Tel: 0243 782136.

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ON THIS DAY

Fineris private.

REGISCH On April 5th.
Richard James (Dick) of
Bory Green, Little Hadham.

Storved insphand of the late
Hotor, devoted trucks of
Richard Milliar and very dear
resp-Gather of John, Nicholas
and Simon Garrett. Cremstion at Paradon Wood.

Harlow on April 20th at 2.30
pm. All friends welcome, and
afterwards at Bury Green.
Flowers to Daniel Robinson.

Wych Elm, Harlow. PORTER - On April 10th, in hospital after a short illness. David Porter, aged 76, of Bir-mingham, husband of Ruth, father of Mary Ann, Maggle

APRIL 12

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There was not much in the weeks

films to pleme our Film Critic, whose light touch did not, however, desert him. He also showed strend judgement in his appreciation of Shirley

Temple, later to be an ambassador.

NEW FILMS

IN LONDON

The American producer is generally

days of his own country, and

occasionally almost at his worst in

reconstructing the history of other

In Lloyd's of London, which is to

be shown at the Gaumont Cinema tonight, Mr. Henry King, the director.

has relied more on the generous

sprinkling of famous names than on

to be found in the comfortable fact

that the colours are faulty.

The flag might well have been that

of a nineteenth century Rusiania,

and spect from the monotonous repetition of the words "England",

"Nelson", and "Lloyd's", there was little to identify the scenes on the

a history as rich as that of Lloyd's the

at his best in describing the pione

I am telling you the trint:
wheever receives anyone 1
sund received me also; and
whoever receives me receives him who sent me.
St. John 15:20

BIRTHS

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GERSON - On April 4th 1990.
Lity. After - a long fight
against casiou. my dearintoller is released from path
and suffering and now rests
peacefully in the arms of the
Lord Jesus Carist: Private
Commission, so flowers by
required to: Canoer research.
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The Marie Caris Memorial.
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The Marie Caris Memorial.
Foundation, 28 Beignave
Sprint - On April 10th, 1990.

SQUARE. London SWIX SQG.
SPBM: On April 11th, 1990,
peacefully in hospital Cornelius Marshall (Robin), aged
85-years beloved and loving
husband of Grace (née Hamliton), much loved father of
Ann. Elizabeth, Rachet and
John, also father in-law and
John, also father in-law and
John, also father in-law and John, also father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral service at Reigate Parish Church. S. Maty's on Tuesday. April 17th, at 2.00 pm followed by internment at Redstone Cenetery. With Christ which is far better.

VACENT - On April 6th peace fully. Peter Wyndham aged 69. Beloved husband of loxi, bither of Carolyn and Coy and father in law of Peter. and father in inw of Peler.
WERSTER - On April 10th
1990. Peacefully after filness, Neil Lestie aged 85
years of Painswick, Gos.
Nuch loved insband of
Elizabeth, father of Andrew,
Jocelyn and Godfrey and 10
times grandfather. Funeral
service 1: am on Thesday
April 17th at St. Mary's
Church, Painswick, Flowers,
or if desired douations for the
British Heart Foundation,
may be forwarded to
Burdock & Son. Funeral Directors. New Street.
Painswick.

Painswick.
William - On April 2nd 1990.
tragically. Peter John Pagaaged 56. He did not go gently
hat the night but his toving
family hope he has found the
light and is at peac. Donations in his memory may be
sent to The Lowestoft
Lifeboot.

MEMORIAL SERVICES BURT - Jean Dorothy, M.B.E., formerly general secretary of The Samaritans. A requiem Encharist will be held in her memory at St Ann's. Sono. on Wednesday. April 18th, at

ETHERMISTON-SASTIS A
Memorial Mass for the
repose of the soul of Mary
Elizabeth Emerington-Smith
and in thankspiving for her
life will be offered at St.
James's Church, Spanish
Place (George Street). London W.L. on Tuesday May
15th at 3 nm.

IN MEMORIAM -

of Dr Salvatore Santagari. The is to remember a sad awakening in a train at dawn: having

seen outside the uncertain light: having felt the virgin and bitter melancholy of the

BURNS - Dolly (and Bobby) Burns, mourned, missed and gratefolly remembered by many friends, five years on this day. JACKSON - T.P. 1907 - 1979

Birthday memories of our dear brother. RIP. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HOLDER - Maithew. We have received hundreds of cards, letters. Howers and messages of sympathy expressing sadness at the loss of our little soo, Maithew, who was aged just 5 years. We have been touched and helped by the love and support from everyope who knew and loved our very special little pospet. Julia, Terry and Samuel Holder. Kensworth, Dungtable, Beds. lia, Terry an Holder, Dunstable, Beds.

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THEMEDICINE

a donation or legacy. We depend entirely on charity. MAAA Tep Medicine Appeal Fund ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHISCIANS 11 St Andrews Pake, London Militale

bisnes to a more than usually spirited production of the pirate-ship adventures in Peter Pan. NEW GALLERY Stowmay — Miss Deanns Durbin, who is 14 years of age or so, acted in Three Smart Guls with a delightful free smart Girls with a delightful freshness and simplicity, and it might reasonably be supposed that Miss Shirley Temple, being about half her aga, would have even more of those delectable qualities. Actually she has far fewer but in losing on these particular roundshouts she makes upon the swings of an mcannily mature technique. To watch her imitating Mr. Al Joison, Mr. Eddie Cantor, and Miss Ginger

plicated to explain — the news of the

victory at Trafalgar two or three days before it occurred.
It is disheartening that the films,

just when they seem on the verge of growing up, should every now and again relapse into the childish when they are faced with an adult subject.

Childish is the correct word, for some

of the scenes shown of the Battle of

Trafalgar bear an unfortunate resem-

anything else to suggest the period of English history in which this film is supposed to be set. Mr. King has also insured himself against the deadweight of historical fact by introductive into the accessory of Liouris and Rogers is to watch not a child but a singularly gifted adult through the ing into the early story of Lloyd's an wrong end of a telescope. spisode at once romantic and conventional PLAZA Waikiki Wedding — It would appear that Mr. Bing Crosby is on a tour of the world, and wherever he goes his woice goes with him. This time he is Lloyd's of London - The Union Jack in the last few years has been vigorously and with no little effect in the South Sees and there is little to waved by Hollywood: now it is the interrupt his singing apart from some turn of the White Ensign, and the incidental pieces of comedy and a only escape from embarrassment is

native song or two. He, or rather the audience, has the advantage of natural scenary upon which the eye can rest with pie when the ear has become a little weary of the plaintive music and the repetition of the words "Kngland", moonlight songs of Mr. Crosby. At "Nelson", and "Lloyd's", there was little to identify the scenes on the screen with the England of the to think it was worth while doing.

Napoleonic wars. If it were not comic

Napoleonic wars. If it were not comic

It would be trayic to reflect that with
a history as rich as that of Lloyd's the
which he finds himself, for he has a director has seen fit to build up his pleasant voice and there is no reason climax on the action of an heroic but why it should not be used as a seemingly fraudulent member in pleasant decoration to a film instead forging — the means are too com-

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Art as political ping-pong

icipal art gallery with obscenity as police eject its patrons; record companies agree to print labels to alert the public to "explicit" lyrics; Congress orders subsidized writers and artists to sign an oath to eschew sexual themes; universities ban "offensive" speech.

With recent headlines like that. it is not surprising that many in America are wondering if the country is entering a phase of intolerance. It is tempting to discern a pattern in recent acts that impinge on freedom of expression. These include the continuing attempts by Congress to prohibit flag-burning, the issuing of "X" certificates to artistically worthy films such as Peter Greenaway's The Cook, the Thief, his Wife and her Lover and the arrest at the weekend of Dennis Barrie, the director of the Contemporary Arts Centre of Cincinnati, after he persisted with the now infamous exhibition of photo-graphs by the late Robert Mapplethorpe.

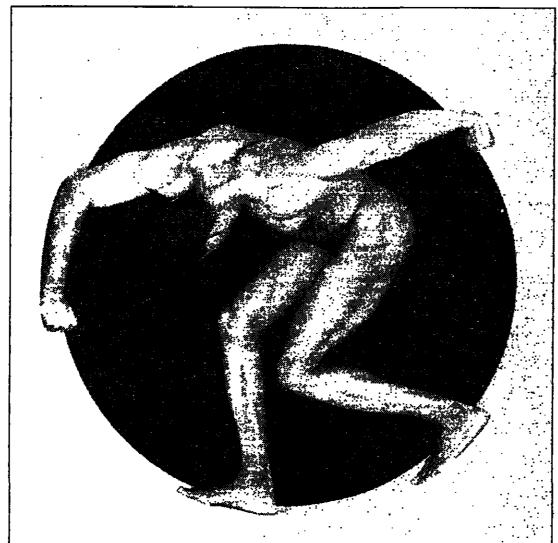
But is the US cultural world now endangered by a "profound and energetic anti-intellectualism" as claimed by more than 500 arts commissioners, gallery chiefs, film stars and other "arts leaders"? They rallied on Capitol Hill a couple of weeks ago to protest against attempts to kill government support for the arts.

The answer is probably no, or at least not yet. What is going on seems more a product of political bullying by a vociferous minority than any sea-change in national attitudes. For a start, that minority is not always on the same side of the fence. The university rectors and academics who favour rules to bar speech on their campuses that advocate racism or sexism stand for the ideological opposite to the citizens of Cincinnati who are enraged at the "smut" in the city

In the academic and intellectual world, the generation formed in the Sixties now represents the establishment. There is little danger of it succumbing to a supposed conservative backlash.

If you take television — the most powerful cultural force by far - you see more experiment than ever before, even by the big commercial networks which have so long practised severe selfcensorship and hewed to the safe middle road. A spate of new-style sitcoms such as Roseanne and Married . . . with Children are tackling sexual and social themes with more realism than ever before, and winning high ratings. On Sunday, the ABC network launched Twin Peaks, a wicked

Charles Bremner reports the latest public exchanges in the increasingly heated US debate on art, censorship and subsidy



One of the late Robert Mapplethorpe's "homo-erotic" but arguably not obscene photographic prints

and subversive soap opera produced by David Lynch of a kind that would never have made it to prime time in previous years.

There is plenty of evidence, from the ratings of the new television shows to opinion polls that reveal the majority of Americans to be more morally tolerant than ever before, for arguing that the arts world is exaggerating the menace it believes it is facing. Even the action in Cincinnati, the first obscenity prosecution of an American museum, can be seen as an exception.

Since the early 1970s, when it banned "adult" book shops and topless bars, the city has regarded itself as the conscience of middle America, a national bulwark against smut. This week's proceedings look as though they may have backfired, since they have mobilized considerable local sup-

port for the exhibition and criticism for the prosecutor. Membership of the museum, for example, has jumped 50 per cent since the affair began.

Anyway, the prosecution, prompted by half a dozen homoerotic pictures among several hundred regarded to be of high artistic merit, stands little chance of surviving higher legal scrutiny, say the experts. This is because the Supreme Court ruled in 1973 that no exhibit could be deemed obscene unless "the work taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value", thus effectively making prosecution of serious artforms

But that is not to deny that the arts world is facing a battle over principle in its campaign to preserve the National Endowment for to administer the relatively meagre federal subsidies. This year it is granting \$171 million - a fifth of the cost of a single B-2 bomber — to 4,500 artists, museums and

The row began last August when the cancellation of the Mapplethorpe exhibition at Washington's Corcoran gallery was used by Senator Jesse Helms and conservative supporters to draw attention to the offensive side of some government-financed works, and to demand a halt to all federal

That attempt ended with a compromise in Congress which obliged the NEA to require recipients to promise not to use their grants to produce works which may be considered obscene, including but not limited to

dividuals engaged in sex acts...". The pledge is being attacked in the arts world as akin to the anti-communist oaths required of federal employees in the

McCarthy era. Now Senator Helms, along with religious and conservative groups, has opened a well-organized assault on the NEA, the federal government's most visible cultural agency, ahead of an autumn vote in Congress on the body's future. In a campaign organized by the American Family Association, politicians across the country are being deluged with letters and postcards denouncing the NEA for supporting "obscene, pornographic or anti-Christian art".

Among offensive exhibits being targeted is "Modern Primitives", a Seattle exhibition which looks at the ways various cultures decorate and pierce their bodies.

The onslanght is provoking widespread laments in the opinion pages about America's slide into "reverse glasnost" at a time when liberties are expanding elsewhere. When the 500 arts leaders took to Capitol Hill, one of the high-points was the reading of a message from Vaclay Havel in which he warned Congress: "An artist must challenge, must con-trovert the established order. To limit the creative spirit in the name of public sensitivity is to deny to society one of its most

Czechoslovak presi-dent but the conservative American one who has done most to stiffen the backbone of the politicians wavering under the pres-sure of the anti-obscenity movement. President Bush took an unexpected stand, saying that although "deeply offended by some of the filth being portrayed as art", he opposed censorship of subsidized art in any form.

John Frohnmayer, the NEA chairman, now says the administration supports subsidizing art without any restrictions at all. But there are still many congressmen afflicted by visions of opponents accusing them of financing lewd pictures. With elections in November, many will be tempted to stick with the safe course,

There are also many, even among the democrats and the liberal élite, who argue that the taxpayer's right to decide what sort of art he wants his dollars to buy has nothing to do with hampering creative freedom. As Jonathan Yardley, a liberal Washington columnist put it this week "Whatever the arts lobby may tell you, it isn't an open-and-shut

Richard Morrison on a film about the composer Hindemith by Tony Palmer

Coded stab at Hitler

huge 16th-century German painting comes to life, with A painting comes to me, when his hidden political message acted out in a Liverpool church. Medieval knights clash swords, pilgrims tramp through misty forests. Christ dies on the cross, while Jews die in the gas chambers. Home movies of Adolf Hitler at play are counterpointed with the voice of Sir John Gielgud reading from Bunyan's The Pilgrim's Progress about the "foul fiend clothed in scales like a fish".

That is your Easter Day viewing on ITV. Tony Palmer created the nine-hour screen biography of Wagner. He directed poignant and revealing television documentaries about Britten, Walton and Callas, as well as Testimony, an audacious film adaptation of Shostakovich's disputed "memoirs". His latest venture may be his most provocative yet.

Though one might not guess from the description above, it is a documentary about the composer Paul Hindemith, who died in 1963, and specifically about Hindemith's opera Mathis der Maler. The South Bank Show will transmit the programme on Sunday. "Melvyn Bragg was initially concerned that one part might be considered blasphemous." Paimer says. "But when we showed the film to the IBA, their only stipulation was that there would be no commercial breaks during it."

In the early 1930s, Hindemith's reputation was at its peak. His music - progressive but utilitar-ian, in accordance with the artistic principles of his friend Bertolt Brecht — was played throughout Europe. His teaching at the Berlin Hochschule revolutionized music theory, and his own performances were astonishing. He was a virtuoso on the viola, merely accomplished on every other orchestral

In fact, he made only one bad career move. His closest musical colleagues were Jewish, as was his wife. The Nazis quickly branded him a Kulturbolschewist. Eventually he was forced to emigrate to America, where Yale and Harvard fought for his services.

But before he left Germany he wrote Mathis der Maler ("Matthias the Painter"). It was never performed in Germany - "the Nazis weren't stupid", says Palmer. Palmer contends that the opera is a "scarcely-veiled attack on the Nazi Party", identifying Hindemith's own struggle with the political struggle of the painter Matthias Grunewald in the Peasants' War of 1524.

Grimewald is best known for his enormous Isenheim Altarpiece, which took four years to paint and depicts the history of Christ, and It is known that Hindemith 4decided to write the opera after seeing this painting. "But no book on Hindemith mentions that the Isenheim Altarpiece has a political sub-text," Palmer affirms.

"It is a coded message on behalf of the peasants against the landlords. When you examine the iconography in detail, and it is very complex, you begin to understand the code. Obviously Hindemith had this explained to him. That is why he chose this particular painter as a relevant operatie subject for 1930s Germany. The opera is really about art in a dictatorship: can it be put to any

Palmer's film, which uses the orchestral suite from Mathis der Maler in its entirety, certainly decodes all the painting's "hidden messages", and explicitly. He maintains that letters provided by the Hindemith Foundation support his radical interpretation. The decision to overlay the musi-



Hindemith: fled to America

cal soundtrack with Gielgad's reading from The Pilerim's Progress may seem more whim-sical. His skill, however, hes in tying the Bunyan narration into the contours of Hindemith's

Christian's struggle to find his "inheritance incorruptible", de-spite the conflicts with "hobgoblins and dragons", is mirrored by Hindemith's own life of struggie and exile, by the symphonic struggle in the music, and by the --bringing to life of the Isenheim Altarpiece. I had the Bunyan idea in mind before I visited Hindemith's last home," says Palmer. "So when I arrived I was astounded to find The Pilgrim's: 100 Progress in the bookcase."

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Graces and favours

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Canova statue "The Three Graces": saved for the nation or sold to the highest bidder?

icholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade, is not one to duck decisions, but when it comes to "The Three Graces", Canova's statue, on which a second export ban expired eight days ago, he appears still to be in a quandary. While his office, which is not renowned for its aesthetic sensibilities, is silent, the

art world is on tenterhooks. The Government has rejected an ingenious scheme by Lord Rothschild to save the Canova by matching its value against his tax bill, for this would effectively mean the Government buying the work. So now, like Paris, who had to choose between three damsels Mr Ridley has three choices.

Under procedures established 35 years ago, he can let the statue go to the Getty Museum, which is prepared to pay £7.6 million for it, or he can persuade the Government to buy it for the nation. The third choice is an invention of his own: to allow a private buyer to step in and snatch away the damsels. The Scottish-born hotelier twins, Frederick and David Barclay, have offered themselves

But by accepting their proposal, Mr Ridley would destroy the principles of the export restrictions. According to heritage lobbyists, the procedure for assessing a work's value in the face of an export application would fall into disrepute. Under the established system, desirable works threatened with export go before the Reviewing Committee for the Export of Works of Art, which uses a list of criteria such as aesthetic and historic importance, to decide whether an item should be allowed to go, or be placed under a temporary export ban to to match the price the foreign buyer was prepared to pay.

With purchase grants frozen at present levels, however, no British museum had a hope in Hades of raising enough to buy the Graces. The V&A has asked the public to put their pennies in the box, but perhaps because people are alienated by the entrance charges now made at the museum, only £330,000 has been raised, a paltry £80,000 from the public.

Now Mr Ridley has assumed the power to return the statue to the commercial arena. This new proposal apparently applies to all other objects currently under an export ban, including Adrien de Vries's "Dancing Faun", which became the world's most expensive sculpture at auction when it fetched £6.8 million at Sotheby's

The Keaseming Com becoming an extremely fine antique shop. Private people can come and buy, and export them later," said Anna Somers-Cocks, editor of Apollo magazine, and an energetic campaigner to save the Graces. Once a work of art has gone before the committee it is likely to be a fine investment, and if Mr Ridley has his way, private investors will want to buy such

works for future profit. Mr Ridley's gesture implies that last-minute buyers are national heroes, but in the eyes of heritage campaigners, they could be just

shrewd investors. Selling to such candidates only postpones the evil day that the work is sold. 'The Three Graces' could easily be on the market again within a generation," said

one specialist. Others ask what the Barclays mean by promising "public access". The Barclay office will not comment.

In the meantime, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, has clouded the issue by suggesting byzantine ways to improve the system. His contribution to the debate is difficult to take seriously, because ultimately Mr Ridley has the power of decision. He has suggested, for instance, that a museum or gallery interested in buying a particular work should buy an option to purchase. But if it were then unable to raise sufficient funds for an outright purchase, the deposit would be lost, which would inevitably lead to com-

plaints about the waste of money. In response to the problem of vendors who export important collections by selling off items separately, as occurred with the George Brown collection of ethnographica, Mr Luce proposes a voluntary code of conduct under which "public or semi-public" bodies would announce any plans to sell off collections of objects. This would not constrain private collectors who wished to sell. Nor would it help if purchase grants remain as low as at present. Indeed the grants are so small that it is hard to see how any tampering with the system can keep works of art in Britain against the wishes of

foreign buyers. Neither Mr Ridley nor Mr Luce appears to have faced the likelihood that when trade barriers come down in 1992, the present system will be rendered redundant. Some believe that under article 36 of the Treaty of Rome, the existing procedures of individual countries will be respected. Mr Ridley and Mr Luce should get on a bicycle made for two, and proceed to Brussels to find out what is in store. They may find that the best way forward, as has been widely proposed, is for each nation to compile a list of works which can never be exported.

Sarah Jane Checkland

Light to light through darkness

THEATHE Benedict Nightingale

Much Ado About Nothing RST, Stratford

THIS production has its golden moments, literal as well as metaphorical. True, the intricacies of Brian Harris's lighting sometimes proved too demanding last night for the RSC technicians, computers, or both; but at least it bathed the cast's faces in wonderful amalgams of amber, bronze, flame, white, and creamy pink. It gave the evening its enchanted atmosphere - and its meaning.

At first, there is something of the golden age about the Messina of Bill Alexander's production of Much Ado. The setting is a formal garden in which Alex Kingston's Hero and her chums frolic like excited, innocent children, Everything about the place speaks of order, shape, happiness - but also

Not for nothing do the revellers' masks, and the garden statuary that appears in the second half, resemble demonic satyrs. There is something dangerously com-placent about this Elizabethan Eden. That is why Vincent Regan's Don John — a marvellous performance, brimming with anger — is able so easily to convince Claudio as well as the local patriarchy that his fiancée Hero is

To use its own symbolism, Alexander's production shows us a world passing from sunlight to sunlight through a darkness that deepens everyone touched by it: John McAndrew's callow, insecure Claudio, so inexperienced with women he cannot mention Hero without kneading his hands and shrilly bleating his love; John

FROM the pillow of his hospital deathbed the horrible old father of this play's heroine sums up a lifetime's experience. Wander the whole world over, he tells her, it's still the same old moon. Since the extent of his travels

has been the journey from Galway to London 40 years before, and nothing has altered his habitual spite, a daughter with any spirit would trash his remarks as the familiar ravings of an old bigot. Brenda, however, is impressed, and the play's author, Geraldine Aron, takes his words for her piece's title.

This is odd, because we are shown nothing in Brenda's busy adult life in Africa and Australia to lend support to such stay-at-home counsel. Quite the reverse. It is only back home in Galway or London, or wherever her Irish family carry their Ireland to, that nothing changes.



Roger Allam as Benedick, Susan Fleetwood as Beatrice

Carlisle's Don Pedro, his lordly, supercilious patron; and, not least, Susan Fleetwood's Beatrice and Roger Allam's Benedick.

That wrangling couple, sub-plot though they may supposedly be, inevitably gravitate to the evening's centre, and mostly deserve to do so. Fleetwood saunters onstage idly brandishing a sword with which she teasingly threatens her uncle. A moment later, she is throwing a gauntlet at Benedick as if challenging him to a duel. As Amazons go, she is genial and humorous, but still formidable.

That causes problems. She must fall in love with Allam, who never seems on her emotional level. His Benedick is a fastidious cynic who affects a Daliesque moustache which he removes in the second half, presumably in deference to Be-atrice's wishes. He has goodhumoured moments, and achieves a certain gravity when overcome by Eros. One cannot, however, see him surviving marriage to some-one with Fleetwood's "wild

Another problem appears at the play's most famous moment, Be-atrice's demand that Benedick "kill Claudio". Seconds before, Fleetwood has been exuding a

heart".

platform shoes, if he gets no chance to impress Bearice with his supposed allure, and indeed abandons the outfit strangnraway.

At its best, though, the production combines fun with sensitivity. The celebrated scene in which a collection of the celebrated scene in which ity. The celebrated scene in which Beatrice loves him is particularly well-handled, with bubbles of

touching tenderness. Now, all is

feminist indignation rising to feral

rage. In each case the actress is

perfectly plausible, but she fails to

reconcile lover and avenger. It is

as if she were two people, each

Alexander's production has its

foolish moments. There is little

point requiring the lovelorn Benedick to don ghastly green and pink frills, complete with rickety

powerfully emotional.

from the misshapen bush in which he is hiding.

Again, it is pleasing to see
Dogberry played, not as a yokel
spouting Mummerset, but as a
stately Rotarian with an aldermanic voice and belly. In George Raistrick's performance, he comes across as a blend of Olly Hardy and Captain Mainwaring of Dad's

cigar-smoke rising like an SOS

Army: majestically complacent and, as such, yet another illustration of the production's theme.

Jeremy Kingston

Same Old Moon Nuffield, Southampton

The play's status as a memory play is clear from the start when Brenda (Glynis Barber) strolls on in front of the gauze screens of Paul Farnsworth's set, cleverly placed to suggest the outside of a maze, transparent mesh one moment, brick walls the next.

She finds her widowed mother and annt (Juha Foster, Annie Tobin) as ungenerous in their feelings for her as ever. Mention of the father (James Hayes) - dead but still visible and grimacing from beyond the gauze - leads to a sequence of memories from an lrish girlhood, as isolated from each other as mrns in a variety.

show, and just as patchily successful

The funniest scenes reinforce English notions of Irish prodery: a Mother Superior explaining procreation with a doughout ring and a sponge finger, and an old dame pulling on her nightgown before removing her clothes.

The most touching is a strange scene where Brendz chips the bike that her cousin (a peaky Gary Lydon) has strengted to boy, sooner than own damaged goods, he chucks it in the canal. There is powerful emotion pent up here, mysterious and real. Ned Sherrin directs with an

alert eye to the bather antics of Olde Ireland and he draws neat performances in supporting roles from Gaye. Birwin and Pauline McLyng, but he fails to make us see Brenda's devotion to her odious partner is anything but half-writed.

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Comic cuts to the gore of yore

he name of Aleiandro Jodorowsky will be nafamiliar to younger filmgoers today, though in the early Seventies his films El Topo and The Holy Mountain commanded an enthusiastic cult following. 11 years ago; after the disastrous production Tusk, Jodorowsky abandoned films to write comics.

At 60, he has returned to filmmaking with Santa Sangre (18, Metro, Gate Notting Hill). It remains to be seen whether the old Scult will be revived. Jodorowsky has lost none of his will to shock. Santa Sangre is as violent and bloody as the schlockiest Hollywood horror, though the violence tends to be psychological rather

than graphic.

He claims that the story is based on a real-life Mexican character, Gojo Cardias, who murdered 30 women in his mother-dominated youth. After 10 years in an asylum, ne was rehabilitated, and became a lawyer and writer. Happily mar-ried, he has today no recollection

of his bloody past.

Fenix, the hero of Santa Sangre, is impersonated at different periods of his life by Jodorowsky's sont Adan and Axel — handsome boys with lean, anguished faces. We first meet Fenix at 20, perched naked in a tree in the garden of a radhouse and reflecting (in flash-

back) on his formative childhood. Born in a circus, at 12 he vitnesses a domestic spat between his parents - the brutish knifethrower and the glamorous tra-peze artist - after his father has dallied with the tattooed lady. Mother destroys the offending portion of her husband's anatomy with acid; father retaliates by sizshing off mother's arms and then cutting his own throat.

This, however, is only the prologue. The story really gets under way when the grown-up Fenix escapes from his asylum, to join his mother in a variety act in which he stands behind her and supplies her missing arms with his own, as if she were a puppet.

When this convenient arrangement is carried into the home, Fenix's daintily manicured hands butter mother's toast, perform her toilette, and (to the young man's deep confusion) wreak her bloody revenge on any woman to whom he is attracted. Thus Oedipus meets Inck the Ripper, Psycho and Nightmare on Elm Street.

Jodorowsky's imagination remains rich and inventive as well as wild and macabre. The variety of his experience has left its mark: he studied with Marcel Marceau. worked with Fernando Arrabal, dotes on the surrealists, directed variety shows and writes comics.

There is always something to look at, and the set-pieces equal the best of El Topo: the fanatical worshippers at the pool of the Holy Blood that gives the film its title; the elephant's funeral, with its cortege and massive casket, and the subsequent assault upon the carcass by starving street

The performances are mostly terrible: only Blanca Guerra as the mother looks something like a professional; but acting seems, for Jodorowsky's purposes, to be secondary to the fact that the people look right and decorative. Jodorowsky remains an acquired taste for those who can take his particular mixture of extravagance, absurdity and visions.

ecneration has grown up since the appearance in 1972 of McCabe and Mrs. Miller (18, Camden Plaza). If anything, to me the film looks better now than the first time round, and it remains one of Robert Altman's finest and most individual works. it still takes the viewer by surprise: what seems on the surface a ribald comedy Western, the familiar tale of the gunman and the whore, suddenly reveals itself as a lyrical tragedy about loneliness.

The setting is a frontier mining town in 1902, recreated with a realism that exposes the fiction of



Giving her a hand at the piano: Axel Jodorowsky as Fenix, Blanca Guerra as his mutilated and murderous mother, in Santa Sangre

North Shore.

most Westerns. The township of Presbyterian Church is an ugly place, with tents and shaky halfbuilt wooden structures, at the mercy of the rain and the snow. The people who live here are flotsam, rough, ignorant and dirty ("Stand away from that stove: you

tends to get kinda ripe").

McCabe (Warren Beatty), a sambler with an unmerited reputation as a gunfighter, sets up as entrepreneur, building a saloon and renting out three unwashed whores. Mrs Miller (Julie Christie) rides into town, accompanied by a steam tractor, and proposes a partnership based on her own more sophisticated experience of the brothel trade.

Thereafter, the action proesses in a wayward fashion that permits us by stages to discover the vulnerability of the antagonists, their loneliness and their ultimate inability to make the connection that they both desire.

Altman has his own distinctive

style. The screen is crowded, often obscured in the dark interiors. Voices overlap or are heard in indistinct snatches from the background. The snow and the rain and the haze mist the screen. The images are predominantly brown and green and gold. The story and the sentiment of the film defy easy classification. It would be satisfying to find a new film as good as

this today.

John Hughes (The Breakfast Club, Ferris Bueller's Day Off) generally works in Chicago; and the city leaves its mark in a style of comedy that is distinctly more mordant than the general run of

Hollywood teen films. Uncle Buck (12, Plaza 2, Cannon Oxford Street) is set in the stockbroker belt of Evanston, on Chicago's

Called away to a parental sick-bed, the genteel Russells can find no one to baby-sit their three children but disreputable, gambling, boozing Uncle Buck (John Candy). Buck moves in and makes an immediate hit with the two infants, but experiences bigger problems with the Russell's angry and difficult teenage daughter.

The story of the likeable reprobate who succeeds in exposing and mending the hidden deficiencies in seemingly ordered and happy lives is a perennial box-office winner, and John Candy genial, funny and alarmingly overweight - fills the role sympathe-

Hughes's comedy is particularly rich in reactions: Mrs Russell's alarmed recoil when threatened with a kiss by her gross brother-inlaw, the children's delight in every unlicensed antic of their odd uncle: Candy's own torment when he has to choose between a dead cert at the race-track or a call to save his tiresome niece from a teenage seducer.

Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (PG, Cannon Haymarket) is about as witless as children's comedies come. The gist is that Bill and Ted are high school students so stupid that they think Joan of Arc was Noah's wife. Luckily they are given the chance to travel through time in a cosmic telephone box, and bring back a gang of historical figures to help

None of it makes much sense: the story is merely an excuse to show a cosmos created from advanced computer graphics; to celebrate a passing fad in Califor-nian slang, "valley speak", which dubs everything "excellent" or bogus"; and to set Socrates, Billy the Kid and Joan of Arc loose in a shopping mall.

them in their graduation

Alex Winter and Keanu Reeves (Bill and Ted) are pleasant actors who have both been seen to better advantage in period roles: Winter as Byron's friend Dr Polidori in Hounted Summer and Reeves as Danceny in Dangerous Liaisons.

The film was directed by Stein Herek from a script of by Chris Matheson and Ed

Innocence goes back to carnage

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

MARY Holland's tense interview for Channel 4's Disparches with Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein may have been what made the news on television last night, but the unforgettable historic images came from a documentary about

an altogether different war. For Inside Story on BBC 1, Michael Latham took five American businessmen to Japan. They passed for average tourists in Hiroshima until, while looking around a hospital on the site of some of the worst of 1945's devastation, they revealed almost casually to one of the doctors that they had been the men who flew the planes on the mission that dropped the atomic bomb.

But this programme was not about regret: the five pilots felt they were avenging their country for Japan's war crimes, and they went back out of cool curiosity, to the place where 80,000 people died in a millisecond. "Lotta history here," as one of them said, looking around a memorial park. Latham's film seemed to be telling us that the men have become innocent tourists at the sight of their own devastation.

On BBC 2. Lucinda Lambton came back, with an Alphabet of Britain, looking as usual like a young Joyce Grenfell on speed. The constant worry about television, for those who work in it, is that the camera has always preferred the amateur to the pro-fessional. You can spend your life trying, with make-up and autocue and clip-board, to graduate from some university of the airwaves, and you will still come a poor second to a Barbara Woodhouse or an Arthur Negus figure, who always manages to suggest that she or he is not really even thinking of doing it for a living.

Lambton is another of those great amateur eccentrics who will be destroyed if anyone tries to tell her how to front a television programme, instead of simply letting her get on with it. With a voice that swoops around like that of Lady Bracknell, unerringly emphasizing the wrong word, she is now off on an alphabetical tour of British exotica. She started with a 10-minute survey of daft Eastern follies, ranging from a sarcophagus visible only from the top deck of a bus, to a vast Chinese interior, carved by a corrupt architect forced to conclude his life as a grocer in Dulwich and disgrace.

It is Lambton's loony enthusiasm, coupled with her determination that we should not dawdle at the back, that gives her the most cherished of all English female aspects: that of the mad but put in charge of the museum



Geoff Brown

Neekly selection of tims recenny released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of talevision films, of first broadcast.

VIDEO BOX

THE BEAR (RCA/Columbia, PG):
Adventures in the Canadian
Rockies with a grizzly bear and an
orphan cub. Simple, engaging
family film, with anthropomorphic
cries and grunts mostly replacing
dialogue. Directed by JeanJacques Anneyd, 1989 Jacques Annaud. 1989. **CAT CHASER (Entertainment in**

Video, 18): Abel Ferrara's high-octare version of an Emore as a florida hotelier sucked into a plot to rob a gangster of hidden money, and Kelly McGillis as his sizzing old flame. 1989.

CFICUS OF HORRORS (Warner, 18): Grotesque, spirited British homor film with Anton Diffring as an explaintely perverse plastic surgeon. 1960. DA (RCA/Columbia, PG): Hugh Leonard's autobiographical stage comedy, sweetly and sturdily fixed by character actor Matt Clark. With Martin Sheen as the

ERIK THE VIKING (CBS/Fox, 15):



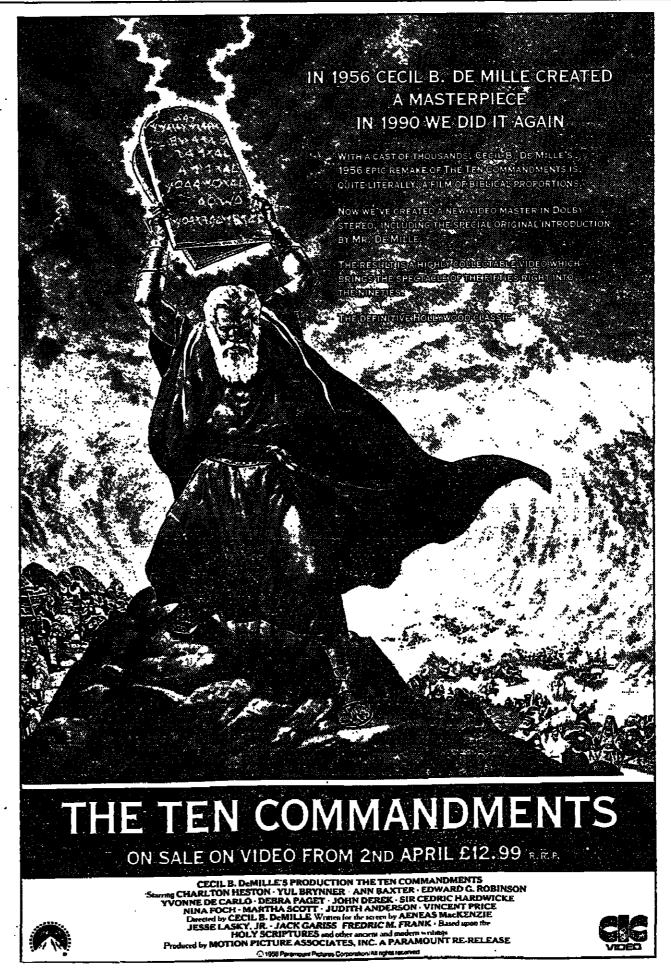
heavy-handed jumble of Norse mythology and Pythonesque humour. Tim Robbins supplies charm as a warrior trying to bring peace to the Viking world. 1989. FIELD OF DREAMS (Guild, PG): FIELD OF DREAMS (Guild, PG): Celestial voices encourage farmer Kevin Costner to use his comfield for a baseball pitch. Overly cosy Americana, though Costner and writer-director Phil Alden Robinson display a winning touch. 1989.

Martin Sheen (left) as Charlie Tynan with Barnard Hughes in Da played by largely unknown players; an exciting feature début by writer-director Maggle Greenwald. 1989.

THE TEMPEST (Leisureview, U): Ludicrous television Shakespeare from 1960, with Lee Remick kittedout for a high school prom as Miranda, Richard Burton as Caliban, and Roddy McDowall as a

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (CIC, U): Moses viewed by the vulgarian, Cecil B. DeMille. Video viewing softens the blow of some less-than-special effects, but leaves intact the hoary dialogue and





on't shoot the pianist: he probably has enough health problems already, ranging from headaches, backaches, stomach aches, palpitations and repetitive strain injuries to a mental state that veers between high anxiety and deep depression.

His friends in the rest of the orchestra may be equally badly off, as may performers in opera, ballet and the theatre, where suffering for art's sake is often not so much a noble tradition as a real

But now concern has led to action. The Association of Medical Advisers to British Orchestras (Amabo) has announced that it would shortly be appointing two volunteer doctors to look after the health of players with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. It hopes eventually to attach medical advisers to every orchestra in the country.

Ian James, the association's founder and a consultant physician at the Royal Free Hospital, says: "Musicians have a had time of it from a health point of view. They spend long periods every day in positions for which the human body is not designed. They have long and unsocial hours, a lot of travelling and they live under heard by hundreds."

Repetitive strain injury - or "regional pain syndrome", as Dr James calls it - has become, he says, almost epidemic. Violinists top the league of injuries, but almost every instrument has its own hazard: cor anglais thumb, for instance, or cymbal player's

Problems can arise from bad technique and poor posture, exacerbated by tension. Surveys have found, for instance, that 88 per cent of orchestral players in this country experience "performance anxiety" strong enough to impair their playing. In comparison, only around a third of Continental

Musicians suffer more than most for their art. Now, as Liz Gill reports,

orchestras are to have their own

volunteer doctors

but they average only half as many concerts a year.
In addition, British musicians,

who typically earn £10,000 to £12,000 a year in a provincial orchestra, often supplement their income from other sources. Overwork and nervous tension may account for the fact that 10 per cent say they drink alcohol before a performance, 2 per cent take tranquillizers, and 2 per cent are on beta-blockers

Problems can arise very early in musician's life, Dr James says. "You can get a particular teacher turning out a whole batch of such players. His technique might be fine for him but disastrous for everyone else. Or you can have a real martinet who causes excessive anxiety, or who simply makes pupils play too long."

The association, which was formed at the end of last year, has plans for preventive as well as curative work, and Dr James hopes that what it learns from musicians may be relevant to other patients, such as those who have developed RSI from working with high technology. "Music is extremely hard work physically. The parallel would be with top sportsmen, and there are similar pressures in that you are only as

good as your last performance. In fact the Amabo doctors, who will be GPs given extra training by the association, will have a role similar to the doctors attached to many football teams: no pay, but

plenty of free tickets and social camaraderie. Helen Ranger, the association's administrator, says: "Music is where art and science meet. And it's also an important antidote to a doctor's work." Dr James, for instance, is a keen amateur viola player, and Jane Faulkner, his wife, is the violinist in the English Piano Trio.

The response to the request for volunteers was so overwhelming, from both doctors and practitioners of complementary techniques, that a sister organization. the British Association for Performing Arts Medicine, has now been set up to bring together artists and appropriate specialists.

Each discipline in the performing arts has its own potential for disaster. Shirley Hancock, a physiotherapist and founder of the Remedial Dance Centre in Harley Street, lists strains, sprains, stress fractures, ruptured ligaments, pulled hamstrings, torn cartilages and inflamed tendons among a dancer's catalogue of woes.

Most troubles, she says, arise from bad technique, over-use or an artist's physical unsuitability. "I don't think classical ballet is unnatural. It is demanding, but it's also the finest form of exercise. But only a minority are suited to it. If students are not properly vetted and go on trying to do something they're not capable of, they end up doing something wrong with their bodies to compensate. A lot of dancers are simply not very musical. If you are musical then you're rarely hurt, because everything comes together at the right moment."

The centre uses no medication on the grounds that it merely masks symptoms, and tries to treat the injury by remedying the technical fault which has caused it.

David Garfield Davis, a voice expert, agrees it is vital to correct as well as cure. "It's no good removing a nodule on the vocal cords surgically if you're leaving the bad old habits that caused it." **HEALTH**



Mr Garfield Davis, an ENT specialist whose voice clinic at the Middlesex Hospital, London, sees actors and singers from across the country, says the business is

bedevilled by mythology. "Some teachers and acting coaches tell their pupils to gargle with aspirin, which is just about the worst thing possible because it thins the blood and can cause

small haemorrhages."
Voices are also affected by smoking and drinking, dehydra-

tion, shock, poor posture and background noise." tension, which can lead to shallow breathing and increased pressure on the larynx. Even eating habits

Training is not necessarily a "You often get the situation where their singing voice is trained but their speaking voice isn't. They give a performance and

can hurt: "You can get problems with acid regurgitation in actors

and singers who tend to eat late at.

evening trying to chat against

The voice is often the first faculty to be affected by stress and fear, according to Carola Grindea, former professor of piano at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and founder of the International Society for the Study of Tension in Performance. Symptoms of extreme stage fright include nausea, vomiting mi-graine, palpitations and tremor. Professor Grindea distinguishes be-

tween the sort of fear that helps creativity, and the kind that car undermine a performance and even incapacitate the performer. "If you're all cocksure before hand you probably won't do so well, but there are those who fine their confidence suddenly goes in the middle of a play, and they car-

then be suddenly gripped by these Professor Grindea has now ser up a performing arts clinic oc premises loaned by the Royal College of Music to give free consultations to both students and

established artists.

Martin Lloyd-Elliott, psychologist, says: "Creativity comes in waves, and sometimes the fire goes out for no apparen reason. It may be only temporary but it feels devastating. The drive to perfectionism is healthy up to a certain point, but beyond that it can lead to destructive thoughts and obsessive rituals." Certain roles may bring emo-

tional upheavals, either because because the part is so powerful that the player, particularly in a long run, feels his or her own sense of identity becoming over-whelmed. This is a very solitary and vulnerable life," says Mr Lloyd-Elliott, who runs Arts Psychology, an advice and counselling service for artists range ing from rock stars to playwright I don't think creative people are any more neurotic than the rest of the population, but it can be a cruel way of life, with unbeliev-

able pressures. Often there is no

omiet for immense talent la

would be like saying to a doctor. You've trained for 10 years, now you can see one patient a week. Dr Walter Somerville, consnitant physician and cardiologist at the Middlesex Hospital, points out that the challenge of public appearances leads to the release of the "stress hormones", acremain and poradrenalin, and a subsequent rise in blood pressure and heartheat. In most cases the experience is merely unpleasant. but, where there is a pre-existing heart weakness, such stress could

trigger an actual attack. Dr James has no truck with any suggestion that suffering either; physical or psychological enhances anyone's abilities. That idea is absolute rubbish. All it means is that performers pay's terrible price. I've seen brilliant careers destroyed which might have been saved with the right

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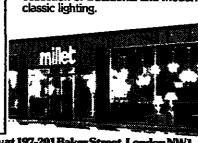


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Cannabis damage

IF MY West Indian patient had read this week's Times leader on cannabis, he would have known that his views summed up one of its points. He expressed them succinctly

when he said, with a grin: "Doctor, whisky gives the English a red face, ganja gives us red eyes. It verbal skills. In over-dosage it can, and often That cannabis, either the dried leaves and

flowering head - marijuana - or the resin, hashish, has over 180 synonyms in the Pharmacopoeia is indicative of its worldwide use as a drug to produce a dreamy state of detachment from harsh reality. Its popularity is due to the sense of well-being, even exultation, it produces. Cannabis has an advantage over alcohol and

nicotine in that it does not produce any significant physical dependence. If there are any withdrawal symptoms they are slight and ill-defined; sweating, loss of appetite; increased anxiety and insomnia have been reported. Cannabis does, however, produce psychological dependence; in time many smokers find that their contentment is linked to the availability of the drug.

There is strong evidence of progression from cannabis smoking to use of cocaine and heroin. But the connection seems sociological - related to its availability within certain social groups - rather than to any physical need to overcome any tolerance which has developed to the cannabis. Within these groups a person is more likely to be offered hard drugs and, when high on cannabis, is more likely to be tempted into trying them. Supporters of the legalization of cannabis argue that if it were legally available, reliance upon the criminal fraternity to provide the drug would be redundant.

The lack of physical dependence is the only medical point in favour of cannabis. Even in small doses, it slows mental reactions, disrupts neuro-muscular co-ordination, and alters the appreciation of space, three attributes which

make it particularly dangerous in a society reliant on the car MEDICAL and complex machinery. It produces short-term memory loss, and although in some

people it induces garrulous-ness, psychological testing shows that it in fact reduces Dr Thomas Stuttaford

> smoker may hallucinate, become disorientated, and occasionally paranoid. Concepts of social responsibility are lost, and when this is coupled with feelings of exultation, a

> high can produce mayhem. The effects of using cannabis regularly are more worrying. Nearly 15 per cent of habitual users admitted it had harmed their personality, causing memory loss, laziness, and difficulties in concentration and integration into society. Interestingly, many were aware that they had become obsessed by their own personalities and emotional problems, the characteristics which can make regular cannabis users social bores. Detached observers would put the proportion suffering from longterm personality changes at higher than 15 per cent. These observations of permanent psycho-

> logical change are supported by brain scans which show cerebral atrophy, or brain shrinkage. The association between schizophrenia and cannabis is important. As well as producing a schizophrenic-type confusional state, overindulgence may also induce an attack in a susceptible person. Studies on recruits in those countries where national service is still obligatory have shown that although no difference was detectable on entry, long-term follow-up demonstrated a clear relationship between schizophrenia and cannabis smoking.

The West Indian had come to talk about impotence, for he had learnt that there is one important common characteristic between cannabis and alcohol - over-indulgence in either can decrease the amount of circulating male hormone, so that the genitalia shrink and

Toast, tea and the transplant games

tion on March 7, 1989. was divorced, and living on my own with bad in the end that the children had to bath me - I couldn't breathe. I was very weak and couldn't sleep. At the beginning of 1987 I had a heart attack while I was playing football - Tve had four heart attacks.

When they told me I'd need a transplant it knocked me back 20 yards, I couldn't believe it. I used to smoke 50 to 60 cigarettes a day, but I didn't really drink. I played football, and did training, the physical side of sport had really kept me going

After the operation I was in hospital for five weeks. There believable amount. It was very was a lot of pain, but you've hard giving it up. But I got to go through the pain to wouldn't go back to smoking.

way, and if you keep on eating alcohol a day. you'll get overweight. I've got I play a lot of voileyball for to stay between 10st 3ib and St Bartholemew's Hospital. In





PHIL YOUNG

there are antibiotics and steroids - they used to make me look like a hamster. Now have reduced the dosage and I look a little bit human. You also grow a lot of body hair -I'm covered in it. I used to smoke an un-

now because I would only In the morning I'll have undo what someone has done cornflakes, a couple of slices of for me. I promised the doctor toast, and tea. The drugs I take that I wouldn't smoke again, I make you feel hungry, any- am allowed to have a pint of

10st 7lb. You have to take October I was in the England Cyclosporin every day of your volleyball games and won a life so the heart isn't rejected, bronze medal — that's not bad you mustn't miss one. Then eight months after the opera-

tion. I am going in for the Transplant Olympic Games at Crystal Palace this August 1 - didn't think about my health before, but now I am cautious and look after what I eat. I used to let people run over

me - I would rather walk away than get into an argument - now I stand my ground. Maybe it is because have been so near death that nothing else matters. It doesn't hurt, but I can feel

my heart beating all the time because there are no nerve there any more. I hope people realize that Bart's does these operations and enough for them to CATTY OIL

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Going for gold

gold could be employed in the treatment of Aids patients perpetuates a

long tradition of using gold and other metals in the care of patients with sexually transmitted diseases. Gold was a popular treatment in the 18th and 19th centuries. It was thought that it promoted the secretions of the kidneys, skin and salivary glands, and was considered particularly suitable for treating "women, children and those of a nervous diswomen, children and

position". Among the many recommendations for its use was the treatment of syphilis and scrofula (TB). The gold preparations were either finely pulverized and taken by mouth, or mixed into a paste with butcher's lard and absorbed through the skin after being covered by a dressing. Bismuth, another metal, later replaced gold in the treatment of syphilis; when given by injection it was reasonably effective, and was one of the standard treatments until penicillin became available. Even in the early years of this century gold was still being recommended in cases of

chronic tertiary syphilis, but earring

even the standard textbooks thought that it was unlikely to be effective. Intravenous gold injections (gold sodium thiosulphate) were prescribed until the last war for the treatment of TB and leprosy.

Gold is now used only in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. It can be given by injection as Myocrisin (so-dium aurothiomalate). It can bring great relief to a sufferer. but care has to be taken as gold can be very toxic and cause severe liver damage. Reactions are to be expected in up to 5 per cent of patients.

Another danger is sudden failure of the bone marrow, which can result in dangerous anaemia. Ulceration of the mouth, skin disease and destruction of the lining of the bowel also occur from time to time. Perhaps the most interesting use of gold was as gold leaf, just as it is used by picture frame and furniture gilders. The leaf was spread over a skin ulcer in an attempt to encourage it to heal. The been of much benefit, but it did serve to demonstrate that gold, contrary to popular becan give rise to a hypersensitivity reaction. Quite serious local skin allergies occurred where the gold leaf type that is occasionally seen

Perfect fit?



ports suggest that the chances of a couple staying happily proportional to

exists between the shape of their pelvises. The female bony pelvis is broad, with a well-rounded prow, this al-lows the baby's head to descend easily. By contrast, the typical male pelvis is narrow, with a sharper front end. As the shape of the pelvis is an important sexual characteristic, the suggestion must be that men who are very masculine should marry very feminine women. The statistics were related to the likelihood of the marriage lasting, rather than to the intensity of the initial attraction, for, conversely, it has often been observed that in casual encounters the reverse is true: feminine men are therapy may or may not have attracted by masculine women, and vice versa. In any case this information is of only limited interest to matchmaking hostesses. It takes a "gynae" house officer many months to learn how to assess the shape of a female pelvis had been applied, of the same accurately, and the male pelvis needs an X-ray examinatoday under a wedding ring or tion before an opinion can be

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nd is there such a place, after all? Mr Ousby in his preface to this actiology of tourism suggests that "...of all nations we have perhaps the most strongly defined sense of national identity." The "perhaps" is for once in order here, since in his text he goes on to suggest that this identity is an artificial construct, exclusive and even wilfully selective, comprising only a "tourist

which contains no more than literary shrines, country houses, ancient ruins and the more colourful aspects of the national Nevertheless this is a book Sabout the sense of place; it is a study in Englishness, and in the nature of Englishness, since it is no coincidence that it is precisely in those four areas under survey that we can look for the traces of that history which has helped to create

our national identity. It is apposite, too, that Ousby con-

centrates his investigations into

travellers' tales from the mid-18th

to the mid-19th centuries, since it

of this country. A map

A nation's foundation stones was in this period that the modern sense of national identity was firmly established.

So it is that, when he begins his account with an examination of literary "shrines" as no more than the analogue of medieval pilgrimages, he is right in a larger sense than perhaps even he intends - of course it is true that English people flock to Poets' Corner or to Stratford in order idly to gaze upon the monuments or the mansions of dead writers, but they are also visiting one source or site of their own identity. The great dead, the illustrious dead are the country; it is the very atmosphere of the dead which pervades ancient monuments and the presence of the long dead which sanctifies the landscape about which Ousby writes.
But he is not about to assume what might be described as a

Peter Ackroyd finds a country's future in its past

ENGLAND

sacred theory of English history; he is concerned with that "tourist map" after all, and is inclined to see commerce, with its attendant vices of emptiness and imposture, rather than atavistic piety. So, for example, the popularity of the country house tour in the mid-18th century can be viewed essentially as an early equivalent to the amusement arcade. There are many channels in the history of taste, however, and none quite so significant as the fact that what we admire today was shunned just yesterday - Shakespeare's birth-place neglected until the middle of the 18th century, fine 16th and 17th-century country houses viewed as little more than the deplorable relics of a barbarous age. Nevertheless what the 18th-

THE ENGLISHMAN'S By Iaa Ousby Cambridge, £14.95

century traveller, or tourist, saw in the country houses of his own period was something of great importance for every period -what Ousby calls "a pattern of aesthetic, even moral, refinement". And that is still the value of what might seem to be no more than the vainglorious aspirations of rich entrepreneurs. These secular cathedrals are in fact, like cathedrals themselves, harbourers of the values of the nation. Yet there is also another kind of history, another scale of values,

another measure of a nation - it lies in its remote past, and in the sentiments which are associated with the monumental works of those who came before us. Ousby emphasizes the crucial importance of Stonehenge in this pursuit. Whether seen by Inigo Jones as a Roman temple or by William Stukeley as a Drudic monument, the point is that it became one of the key symbols by which to define the nation itself. That is why Ousby is able to chart the interest in ruins as a true manifestation of national consciousness; it is not simply a picturesque" taste, promoted by the influences of Romanticism or the vagaries of neo-Gothic; it is, rather, an instinctive and necessary reshaping of the values of

the entire nation. The preference for Gothic irregularity over neo-Classical proportions, in the taste of the late 18th century, is for example part of a larger change of attitude towards English history and thus English identity. A version of Europeanism was being rejected, you might say, and current controversies over standardization have their parallels in the aesthetic arguments of

a previous century.

And this is nowhere more true than in the understanding and analysis of the English countryside. Once seen as merely barren and "horrid", to be cultivated or subdued, then viewed as "picturesque" or unspoiled and therefore in need of protection from the depredations of man, the crags, the turnuli and the lakes were always part of the living body of

The interest in the "sublime" aspects of nature was also related to the interest in Gothic ruins, as Ousby suggests, precisely because they were part of the same sensibility - the same awe of the past and the same reverence for "Ruins of a broken world". That is why Wordsworth's Guide to the Lake District confirmed the interest in that region as part of 'history and human culture''

Of course there has always been a great deal of nonsense associated with this, and Ousby's account of 18th and 19th-century pilgrims of the "picturesque" cleverly and amusingly charts a number of the absurdities and inanities courted by those who wish to change the natural world into painterly landscapes or living dioramas. But the true engine of admiration and awe is fuelled by the larger sense than anything this dilettantism can be said to embody. We are dealing with "common property" or "national property", to use two 19th-century terms. For we are dealing with our sense of our own selves. That is the true meaning of The Englishman's England.

litting from bed to bed, here a luscious viscomtesse, there a supple divorcée, Raphael Sartis really is a bit of a devil. Actually he's all devil, despatched to earth by S himself, to further the Satanic masterplan of spreading goom and despair throughout planet Earth.

I approached The Reluctant Devil rejuctantly. In my experience, demonic intervention spells whimsy. This book narrowly fails to confound the equation. Certainly it enhances Miranda Seymour's reputation as a mistress of the fable.

Her trick here is to move

between the galactic view and the microcosmic concerns of a single street in a London suburb. Hell's inhabitants are predictably, witty, wilful and wicked, but the population of Selena Street is not far hehind. And they are certainly no Press, who divides her time between weeding Sir Hubert Harrowby's grave in St Giles's churchyard and alerting young students to the dangers of a dinner invitation from the street's resident lecher, Victor Grenderlyn. For all her efforts, the promiscuous prof usually scores of an evening. But it's a different story during the day, when he finds it impossible to make his target at the word processor — writer's block isn't in it, until he decides to marry the most besotted of his

What's cooking in Hell's kitchens

· P. FIGHON

John Nicholson

THE RELUCTANT DEVIL By Miranda Seymour Heinemann, £12.95 DOG DAYS

By Mavis Cheek Macmillan, £12.95 STREETS ABOVE US By John Healy Macmillan, £12.95

Raphael understands these goings on all too well, just as he understands what brings superstar Charlie Everest to clairvoyant Fay's doorstep, and why love sick Lucy has set off in deadly pursuit

of Gareth Lloyd-Evans. Raphael is in trouble whereever he looks. A diabolical encounter at the National Gallery lands him in trouble with the law, while release brings an even fiercer grilling from a suspicious potential father-inlaw. Satan is getting cross, too, suspecting that his incompetent

assistant is going soft on earth-lings. From where he sits, what Raphael is spreading looks sus-piciously like joy. So Raphael faces the worst punishment Hades has to offer - life in the hundredth system - unless he ensures that none of the stories he has helped create has a happy ending.

All very whimsical, but charming too and written with great verve. Mavis Cheek is another writer who likes to crack on. Her first book, Pause Between Acis, deservedly picked up the John Menzies First Novel Award. It was an account of life after divorce remarkable both for its breezy wit and lack of self-pity. I missed her second, and must confess to being disappointed by number three, Dog Days. The problem is that the record seems to have got stuck, another heroine has finally got shot of a demanding brute of a husband. Supported by an understanding 10-year-old daughter and an animated comfort blanket sprung from the Battersea Dogs Home, Patricia Murray struggles pluckily to make a new life.

Romantic interest is right off the agenda, though matchmakers lurk around every corner. Gordon-the-Ex, an opera singer with an ego even grosser than his diaphragm, does his best to scupper her efforts to re-establish emotional equilibrium, while the neighbour's rabbit completes a strong animal cast. Flashbacks to earlier episodes in the Pat 'n Gordon saga do not really compensate for the lack of a discernible plot. There are some reasonable one-liners and the odd character who catches the attention. But there is no real development, and in the end Miss Cheek's relentlessly breezy tone

becomes - well, relentless. The location of John Healy's first novel - the London Underground system - is inspired; its cast - the muggers, vagrants, bent cops and tarts who spend most of their waking (and sleeping) hours on the tubes, full of promise. But Streets Above Us is another victim of the character-at-theexpense-of-plot syndrome. Healy writes with complete conviction about a world governed by topsyturvy moral values in which personal survival is the only priority. Pickpocket Mo is trying to claw his way to better things, and there is some effective satire in the reaction of the Hampstead literary set to his plea to be taken seriously as a novelist. But it does not come to anything, and the book's final twist, though sick enough to satisfy the most jaded palate, is predictable. An opportunity lost, I'm afraid.

I houghts of Germany in the night robbed a lot more patriots than Heine of their sleep. The life of Adam von Trott zu Solz was dominated by insomnia of the spirit as his country destroyed itself around him. What makes his story particularly painful is the rejection he suffered by those who distrusted his resistance to the process.

Descended from an aristocratic Hessian family and schooled in Prussia, his skill in assuming the mannerisms of a convinced Nazi made him a lynch-pin in the internal resistance movement from the earliest days of Hitler's rise. He was hanged in 1944 for his part in Stauffenberg's plot to kill Hitler, after trying vainly from within the German foreign service to rally support from abroad for

the internal resistance. Giles MacDonogh's book is a powerful defence of those Germans who chose participation rather than emigration as their way to challenge the tyranny, and whose choice has always engendered at best half-hearted approval. Their path failed, but the account of internal resistance among the officers, civil servants. and nobility poised on the brink of success, bedevilled by ill-fortune and self-doubt, is a neglected chapter of war history.

At von Trott's trial the judge commented that his lack of moral fibre was due to his years at Oxford and travelling round the

A life lived in whispers

Anne McElvoy

A GOOD GERMAN: Adam von Trott zu Solz By Giles MacDonogh Ouartet, £17.95

world. He was right at least about the importance of von Trott's early adult years at Bailiol, but Oxford never returned the high regard in which he held it. Even his All Souls circle, including Sir Maurice Bowra and A.L. Rowse, distrusted his philosophy and his patriotism, both cast in a code of Prussian idealism impenetrable and suspect to the non-German mind. To Diana Hubbard he wrote that he saw little point in male friendships: "My ultimate wish is to be of the greatest possible political service to my country. My friendships with men are more or less directly dependent [on this]."

Von Trott blamed the university's hostility on lack of imagination and realism - traits that later extended to Eden and Crossman, whose dismissal of the German resistance was due to foreign policy convenience rather than due consideration of its significance, as the shockingly casual memos reproduced here show. With the exception of the Astors, few Britons were of any help to von Trott. Bowra, to whom he trusted the secret of his resistance work within the German foreign service, promptly informed one of Roosevelt's advisors that he was treacherous, scuppering both von Trott and the entire internal resistance movement in Washington's eyes.

The research is painstakingly minute throughout, but the sheer proliferation of names tends to overwhelm. For those without a ready knowledge of the top-tier personnel of the Third Reich, th second half is a taxing mental exercise best conducted with one finger in the index. Despite the detail, the final chapters describing the miscarried Stauffenberg plot lack tension, and the account of the trials and conclusion are unsatisfactorily scanty.

Von Trott never doubted his choice of a life lived in whispers, but the sense of a lifetime of disciplined, directed and, ultimately, futile opposition makes this an overwhelmingly sad

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brated businessman. This is the bare outline of the book, its epic momentum. But Malouf's great talent is precisely for unmasking the epic or worldhistorical - for finding the human backing to history's all-reflecting mirror. "Great events do not always cast a shadow before them. In Malaya in 1941 the Japanese Imperial Army arrived on rickety bikes. It didn't look like the first part of a triumph or a moment from history." The section of the novel that deals with the war and the tribulations of the camp, is in some ways the crux of the book. It is here that Malouf dramatizes the uncertainty of the Australian identity, at a moment when all the usual props - the colonial legacy, the false superiority of whiteness over blackness - have dis-appeared. In the camp, Digger, who is blessed with a phenomenal memory, holds on to his Australian memories with jealous ferocity; he hordes them like things. Because one thing this novel makes clear is that whatever the reality of the "Great World" we move in, the greatest reality is inside our heads. "You're head. Which was the same shape as the world, and really was the world, only on an infinitely small scale." At times The Great World lacks bite - one wonders if Malouf is not too decent and generous an

artist to produce work of real

genius, since great art always flirts

with cruelty, an edge of harsh brilliance. But there are plenty of

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OPERA

Barry Millington

LONDON

DIE MEISTERSINGER VON ERG: Dull production enlivened by Bernd Weiki's intelligently snug Sachs and Christoph yon Dohnanyi's stylish

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). Tonight, 5.30pm, Mon, 3pm, £4-£90.

MACBETH: Another in the series of superbly imaginative Verdi productions from the ENO team. Jonathan Summers and Kristine Clasinki as the diabolical

duo; Mark Elder conducts. English National Opera, London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). Tonight, Sat and Wed,

JENUFA: concert performance of the

strongly cast Glyndebourne Festival production, with Roberta Alexander as Jenûta, Philip Langridge as Leca and Anja Silja as the Kostelnička. Conductor: Andrew Davis. Feetival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Tues, 7.30pm, £3-225.

OUTSIDE LONDON

L'HEURE ESPAGNOLE/GIANNI-SCHICCHI: Ravel/Puccini double bill in new productions by Martin Duncan, conducted by David Lloyd-Jones.

Opera North, Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 445326). Tonight, 7.15pm, 24-221. LA BOHEME: Lynne Schey's production for Travelling Opera, designed by Ward

King's Theatre, Southsea (0705 828282). Tonight, 7.30pm, 27-29. Demgate Theatre, Northampton (0604 24811). Tues, 7.80pm, £4-£8.50.

LUÇIA DI LAMINERIMOOR: Opera 80's brave stab - if that's the word - at Donizetti's popular work. Linda Clemens dons the blood-stained nuptial gown. Sands Centre, Carlisle (0228 25222). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, £5-£8.50. Coronation Hall, Ulverston (0229 52299). Wed,

7.30pm, £5-£7.50. THE MERRY WIDOW: Musically strong, natically weak, Opera 80 venture. Sanda Centre (as above). Sat, 7.30pm, 25-£8.50. Coronation Hall, (as above). Tues, 7.30pm, 25-27.50.

JERUSALEM: Verdi's reworking of A challenging staging by Pierre Audi, conducted by Paul Daniel. Opera North, Grand Theatre (as above). Sat, 7.15pm, £4-£21.

DANCE John Percival

LONDON

THE FEATHERSTONEHAUGHS: All male group in mannered sketches by fashionable cult choreographer Lea Anderson. ICA Theatre, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, £6-£7. RED HOT PEPPERS: Srian Macdonald's

work to music by "Jelly Roll" Morton is on the closing programme of Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal, with four places by Argentine choreographer Mauricio Wainrot, hitherto unknown here. Sadier's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (01-278 8916). Tonight-Sat,

7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £4-£16. PRINCE OF THE PAGODAS: Saturday night's performance by the Royal Ballet however, being shown on BBC2 on Saturday at 8.55pm, with its original cast neaded by Darcey Bussell, preceded at 7.50pm by a documentary about its creator Kenneth MacMillan. Sylvie

19) dance the only remaining perfor mances this season.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden,

Guillem (Wed) and Viviana Duranta (April

Prizewinners back home



gnore the tawdry title, New Work. The latest programme by London Contemporary Dance Theatre is a serious attempt at finding new choreography, returning for the occasion to their roots at The Place. One of the creators is American JoAnn Fregalette-Jansen, formerly a dancer with Joann Fregalette-Jansen, formerly a dancer what Dan Wagoner, LCDT's new director. She has been making dances since 1974 and started her own company in 1986. Her new piece for nine dancers of LCDT, Noon Talk on Millionth Street, (pictured here, Paul Liburd and Isabel Tamen dancing) is set to a string quartet by Scott Johnson and inspired by writings of J.G. Ballard, Kleist and Nietzsche. Kim

Brandstrup also has his own company (Peer Gynt was their latest) and his first work for LCDT, Orfeo, has just won the company an Olivier award. This time he is tackling the Jewish play The Dybbuk as subject matter for his choreography, using music by Ian Dearden and traditional Romanian folk songs, with costumes by Craig Givens and a post-modernist gothic setting by Brothers Quay. The other new work is by Aletta Collins, a young English choreographer, who will have designs by Tom Cairus but has revealed no details of music or subject. Place Theatre, Duke's Road, WC1 (01-387 0031). Wednesday to Saturday, 8pm, £7 (£5 concs). John Percival

9368). Tomorrow, 8pm, £3.50 (£2.50

GEORGE SZIRTES: Highly respected

Anglo-Hungarian poet who was brought

to Britain by his parents in December

1956. The courtyards of Budapest have

been increasingly present in his writing -

a fascinating opportunity to hear him read his latest work in the light of the

Poetry Association of Scotland. 27

past year's events.

OUTSIDE LONDON

LONDON CITY BALLET: La traviata at Billingham (tonight); then a mixed bill including the comic Graduation Ball and classic *Aurora's Wedding* (Fri, Sat) and at Buxton (Wed). Forum Theatre, Billingham (0642

552663). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, eves £6-£7, mat £5. Opera House, Buxton (0298 72190). Wed, 7.30pm, £4.50-£10.50. GISELLE: Christopher Gable's production for Northern Ballet Theatre.

atre Royal, Brighton (0273 28488). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats today, Sat, 2.30pm, eves £5-£12.50, mats £4.50-

BOLSHOI STARS: Group headed by Bessmertnova and Bylova in one act of Swan Lake and short extracts from other

558641). Tomorrow, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2pm, £17.50-£21.50. Mariowe Theatre, Canterbury (0227 767246). Sun, Mon, 7.45pm, mat Mon, 3pm, £12-£25. Mayflower Theatre, Southemoton (0703) 229771). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, £12.50-

WHO CARES?: Balanchine's Gershwin Ballet is the highlight of Scottish Ballet's programme also including Balanchine's Scotch Symphony, and a new production of Petipa's classic *Paquita*. King's Theetre, Edinburgh (031 229 1201). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, £12.50-

£18.50. ORIENTATIONS: Shobana Jeyasingh and dancers in a collaboration with Michael Nymen mixing South Indian

dance and contemporary music.

Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds (0284 769505). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm £3.50-£6.

THE INFERNAL GALOP: Jokey piece about English views of France, by Matthew Bourne for Adventures in Motion Pictures. Guild Half Arts Centre, Gloucester (0452 505089). Wed, 7.30pm, £4.

READINGS - //

Cris Cheek

DAVID MALOUF: Widely respected novelist and poet promotes his new novel The Great World. Poetry Society, 21 Earl's Court Square, London SW5 (01-373 7861). Today, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£2 concs), £1.25

THE ROLE OF THE POET: The ICA inaugurates an important new East European forum with Estonian poet Jaar Kapplinski author of The Same Sea in Us All and Ireland's Paul Durcan of Going Home to Russia. Both will read and discuss the role of the poet in present day culture and politics. With Blake Morrison and others. ICA, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930

3647). Today, 1pm, £3, plus £1 day APPLES AND SNAKES: A Nelso Mandela reception committee benefit. A crowded and seriously safe bill of Pan-African performer/poets, including Pitika Ntuli, Lemn Sissay, Marsha Prescod, Sister Netifa, Brother Niyl, Bicca Maseko, and Ahmed Sheik. Plus special

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Ghislaine Boddington

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The Place Theatre, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031). Yoright-Set, 8pm, 25 (£4 concs).

ANNE GRIFFIN - Almost Persuaded. Wry, witty, moving and beautifully con-structed, this show gives an evening to laugh at and be challenged by — a rare

TaC2, 20-22 Highbury Corner, London NS (01-700 5718). Tues-Thurs (weekly), 7.30pm, late show Thurs, 10pm (late ber), 26. Until April 26.

DAVID WARD: Keepers of Light. A new piece made following a series of work-shops with students and dencer Sue MacLennan. Ward works with lightsensitive paper and a torch creating "photography without a camera". Carabridge Derkroom, Osles Brewery, Gwydir Street, Cambridge (0223 350725). Today until May 13. Tues-Sat 12-6pm, Sun 2-5pm, free.

FRAN COTTELL: Window Shopping -Especially at Six. One of a series of shows made for window spaces at this new streetwise gallery. Fran Cottell "addressing power, passivity and blind consumerism" 24 hours a day. "109 Charlog Cross Road" (two winlivity and blind dows) St Martin's College of Art and Design, London WC2 (01-753 9090). Today until May 3.

MR JAN SMITH: Performance Banque No IV - The Last Supper. A tous course meal, interspersed with perform snippets from Mr Ian Smith (The Art Gangster) and guests. Stimulation prom-

ised for both brain and stomach. Third Eye Centre, 346-354 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (041 332 0522). Tomorrow, 9.30pm, £1Z. Prompt and firm ions most destrable. YOKO ONO: The Broaze Age. A series of Saturday afternoon cinema viewings

running concurrent with the exhibition. This week: Flux Films 1966 - a collection of short, silent films by a number of Fluxus artists, edited by George Maciunes. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road,

Hammersmith, London W6 (01-748 3354). Exhibition: until April 22, tree. Cineme: Sat 2pm, £3 (£2 concs). STEPHEN JONES AND DAVID IZOD: Paranthood. A double bill of new performance. Stephen Jones (of Dog's in Honey) explores the ideal of his father in "Neon Lewis". "Fiction from New York" by David tood mourns the slow death of his mother through a fictional correspondence with Spalding Gray. ICA, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930 3647). Tues until April 21 (not Suns),

8pm, £5.60, (£4.60 concs), plus £1 day Compiled by Kari Knight e items for inclusion should be sant at least 10 days before publication to Tony Patrick, Pre-view, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN

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CHICAGO JOE AND THE SHOWGIRL (18): Bold, flawed exhumation of a murderous crime spree in wartime London. Emily Lloyd, Kiefer Sutherland Odeon West End (01-930 5252/76151.

COURAGE MOUNTAIN (U): Lame, spurious adventures of Johanna Spyr's heroine Heldi in World War

Cannon Chelees (01-352 5096) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-536 6148) Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631).

ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (15): Isaac Bashevis Singer's novel about a Holocaust survivor's

by Paul Mazursky. Odeon Heymerket (01-839 7697). LOOK WHO'S TALKING (12):

Infantile comedy about an unmarried mum and her talking beby. John Travolta, Kirstie Ali Camons: Chelses (01-352 5095) Haymarket (01-839 1527) Oxford et (01-636 0310) Ode gton (01-802 6844/5) Marble Arch (01-723 2011) Swies Cottage (01-722 5905) Screen on the Green (01-225 3520) Warner West End (01-249 0791) Whiteleys (01-792

THE RESCUERS (U): Disney cartoon from 1977, uneasity poised between old studio traditions and contemporary urban satire. Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Carmon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Whiteleys (01-792

SOCIETY (18): Obnoxious, zombiefaled horror yarn from Brian Yuzna, producer of From Beyond. Prince Charles (01-437 8181). CURRENT

♦ ALWAYS (PG): Spielberg's plush but pointiess remake of A Guy

Named Joe. 9772) Fulhern Road (01-370 2636) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324).

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY (18): Dynamic enti-Vietnamepic from Oliver Stone, with Tom Cruise excellent as paraplegic Ron

Barbican (01-638 8891) Cannona: Baker Street (01-935 9772) Fulhs Road (01-370 2636) Empire (01-497

CELIA (15): Powerful Australian portrait of a rebellious child in a strictive society. Striking début by director Ann Tumer. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148) Metro (01-437 0757).

Gluseope Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; a hugely appealing salute to the movies.

Curzon Mayteir (01-465 8865). THE CITADEL: Poignant, grimly humorous Algerian tale of a young Arab villager forced to marry. etro (01-437 0757).

ODRIVING MISS DAISY (U): ssica Tandy as the prickly Southern lady with a black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman). Accomplished endearing 2636) Minema (01-235 4225) Warner (01-439 0791) Whiteleys , (01-792.3303/3324).

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DUST IN THE WIND: Tribulations of teenagers in the big city; affectionate 1986 film by the Talwenese master Hou Haiao-

ICA Cinema (01-930 3647).

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THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA (15): Lorca's play about a widow and her live daughters; line acting, but tedious cinema. Premiere (01-439 4470).

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PERSONALITY IN SERIE IN (PG): Delt but outdated account of a real-life East German defection. Martin Sheen, Sam Wanamaker.

(01-636 6148). MY LEFT FOOT (15): The Christy Brown story; uplifting fare, marvellously acted, with Oscar

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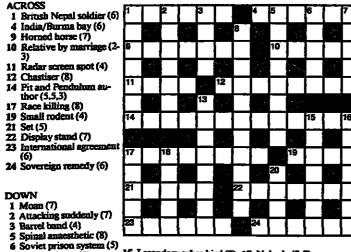
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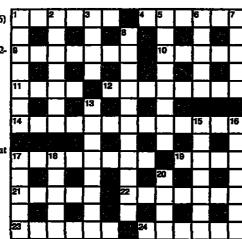
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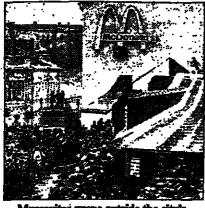
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TELEVISION & RADIO

A bite of American capitalism

GEEN ENON CHOICE Jasper Rees

The second of th • Mac in the USSR, tonight's 40 Minutes (BBCI, 9.30pm), falls somewhere between a free advertisement and a hatchet job. When McDonald's opened up shop in Moscow this January, Richard Denton, veteran of several excellent documentary studies of Soviet life, was there along with the world's press to take stock of yet another symbol of perestroika's submission to capitalism. The figures are impressive: 25,000 people applied for 600 jobs in the new outlet, built on the site of a state-owned restaurant which used to serve 700 people a day, McDonald's expects to feed 20,000. At double the price of an American meal for half the wage bill, you would expect the roubles to do the talking, but a McDonald's fatcatcannot resist doing some talking too. His chosen topic is "burger diplomacy", by which he means bringing countries closer together over a Big Mac and fries. In fact he means making Russians more American not just the meat-starved punters but also the staff, who are trained up/brainwashed in the techniques of all-American service-with-an-insinceresmile. But, even to get a bite of American fast food, customers have to wait in a Russian slow queue.



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Muscovites queue outside the city's first McDonald's (BBC1, 9.30pm)

• Greek Fire (Channel 4, 8.00pm) continues its highly subjective commentary on the effects Ancient Greek where has had on us moderns. Including sagacious contributions from the likes of George Steiner and Sir Kenneth Dover, tonight's subject is sex and sexual politics. In a west London pub, the judgement of Paris is bawdily re-enacted; pre-Great War footage presents a stylized version of the Actaeon myth. The question is, are modern Europeans more or less sexist than our earliest civilized forebears? Watch and see.

• The Final Frame (Channel 4, 9.30pm) is a taut thriller from the Film on 4 stable. When a singer and animal rights activist is blown to smithereens, a storyhungry cameraman investigates. Much of the acting errs on the wooden side, but inder Paul Oremland's direction it remains a caustic commentary on the

cynicism of the video age. ◆ This week's This Week (ITV, 8.30pm). Killing Elephants For Fun, looks into the surprisingly complex issue of hunting for ivory in Africa. In Zimbabwe, a big-game hunter's last remaining method of legally killing an elephant is to pay the government £14,000 for the privilege. This way £750,000 is raised per annum, but is this the technique of conservation it claims to be? Graham Addicott reports.

6.00 Ceefax
6.25 Mother Terese with a prayer for those in prison
6.30 BBC Breakfast News presented by Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer. Includes regular news headlines, business reports, sports news, travel and weather

news, travel and weether information, regional news and a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callan 8.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 News and weather followed by Easter Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin and Andi Peters, beginning with Heathcliff with Cats and Co. Cartoon adventures of an alley cat (r) 8.25 Why Don't You . . ? Entertaining ideas for bored

saey cat (r) 8.25 why bon't You Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters presented in a dramatized form 9.55 Poddington Peas (r) 10.00 News and weather followed by Turnabout (r) 10.25 Playdays 10.55 Mother Teresa with a prayer for sorders soldiers
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1.00 News with Philip Hayton, Weather

1.30 Neighbours, (Cestax) 1.50

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2.15 Film: The Terry Fox Story (1983) starring Robert Duvall and Eric Fryer. The inspiring, caringly made true life story of a young man who, after having a cancerous leg removed, decides to run across Canada raising money for cancer research. A stirring acting debut for Fryer, himself a leg amputee. Directed by Ralph L. Tromas

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3.50 Rupert (r) 3.55 Mersey Teles.
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4.00 New Adventures of Mighty
Mouse 4.16 Simon and the Witch.
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Episode four of the 13-part children's serial starring Elizabeth Spriggs and Hugh Politard (r) 4.30 Tricky Business. Part two of the magic comedy series and 11-year-old Somerset magician Tim Clothier brings his vanishing cabinet to the show
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter.
Diane-Louise Jordan takes to the road in her 35-year-old Morris Minor and joins a Morris Minor raily drive from London to Brighton. (Ceefax)

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5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines
7.00 Top of the Pops hosted by Mark

7.90 Top of the Pope hosted by Mark
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7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World. A new Soviet
laser system could mean the end of
film being used on television;
frozen beds to make living bearable
for asthmatics; and Japanese
experts' attempts to divert a voicano.
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Beilingham 8.30 Russ Abbot. Another chance to see Abbot's humorous observations, aided by his crazy gang (r). (Ceefax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Philip

Hayton. Regional news and weather

9.30 Birds of a Feather. Earthy comady
series written by Laurence Marks
and Maurice Gran starring
Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson as sisters coming to terms with life on their own after their husbands are

on their own star main hosterios a sentenced to a term in prison for robbery (r). (Ceefax) Crimewatch UK. Detectives wait for your calls to help solve the 11nonth old mystery of an Eyam, Derbyshire, schoolboy's disappearance, and of the murder of an insurance salesman in Southall.

(Ceefax)

10.45 Cagney and Lacey. Hard-hitting
police drama series starring Sharon
closes and Tyne Daly. Tonight, a "simple" case of an abandoned baby becomes a major headache for the doughty detective duo (r)

35 Crimewatch UK Update

45 International Cricket, Highlights

i International Cricket. Highlights of the first day's play in the fifth Test between West Indies and England in Antigua, introduced by Tony Lewis sam Mother Teresa with a prayer for those who cannot pray Parmadan: A Month To Remember. A look at Muslim children during Ramadan, the holy month of festing prayers and calebration.

of fasting, prayers and celebration 12.35 Weather

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9.25 Cross Wits. Tom O'Connor hosts the crossword game show with help from Lastie Crowther and Nerys Hughes 9.55 Thames News and

10.00 Out of This World. Serial about a 10.00 Cut of this wonst Sena about a
13-year-old glit who inherits her allen
father's extraordinary powers
10.30 This Morning, Magazine series
presented by Richard Madeley and
Judy Finnigan. Today's edition
includes the first of a sport for

women series, advice on avoiding food poisoning, consumer affairs and family health. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national news 12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series for the young 12.30 Home and Away. Australian soap about a couple

and their five foster chidren News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Thames News and Weather.

Weather.

1.30 Wish You Were Here . . ? An edition of the programme, first shown in January, looking at some holidays abroad which don't involve flying, including a rail trip in Tuscary, a coach service to the south of France and a ferry cruise to Denmark (d. (Cracie)) to Denmark (r). (Oracle)

2.00 A Country Practice. Australian drama set in and around the health

crama set in and around the health centre in the small rural town of Wandin Valley.

3.00 Sounds Like Music. Bobby Crush hosts the quiz show which tests contestants' knowledge of stage and screen musicals 3.25 Themes News and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian drama following the lives and loves of the Hamilton and Palmer families

4.00 Hundey Pig (r) 4.15 The Adventures of Teddy Ruzpin (r) 4.30 Press Gang. Children's drama serial about the young staff of a junior newspaper. (Telebath)

5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for teenagers

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5.40 News with Flona Armstrong. Weather
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News and weather
6.50 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with details of the Pimilco Arts and Media Scheme
7.00 Emmerdale. Topical drama soap set in the scenic Yorkshire Dales (Teletext)

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(Teletaxi)
7.30 Sporting Triangles. For the first in
a new series of this three-way
sporting quiz, resident captains
Emlyn Hughes, Andy Gray and Jimmy
Greaves are joined by javelin
champion Steve Backley, England
football captain Bryan Robson
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8.40 The Bills Big Fish. Little Fish.

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8.00 The Bilt: Big Fish, Little Fish.
Consistently well-acted and strong
story line police series. (Teletext)
8.30 This Weel: Kliffing Elephants For
Fun (see Choice)
9.00 TECX: Dead End. Disappointing
private detective series based in
Brussels. Tonight an agent
investigates the suicide of a top Nato
official. (Teletext)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gali and
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10.35 The City Programme asks why a
City whizz-kid knocked a zero off his
£80.000 salary
11.05 01- For London. A guide to the
capital's entertainments scene.
Followed by Crimestoppers
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Highlystrung drama set in an Australian
women's detention centre
12.30 am Contacts. Television's lonely 12.30am Contacts. Television's lonely

hearts column presented by Trevor Ward and Josephine Buchan Speed Chess. Action from the Infolink European championship,

introduced by Raymond Keene

1.30 Film: Double Identity (1974)
starring Jean Claude Boullion and
Marina Melfatti star in this tense
West German spy tiviller. Following
his father's death, chemist Mike
Friedburg leaves America and
returns to Europe, only to
discover that someone to discover that someone is trying to murder him. Directed by Franz Peter Wirth, Followed by News headlines
3.30 Bedrock. The band Buzzcocks in

concert America's Top Ten (r) 5.00 iTN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4 (XIII BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Social Sciences:
Cogs in the Wheel? Ends at 7.10
9.30 Flash Gordon (b/w) (r)
9.45 Film: The Great Man Votes (1939, b/w) starring John Barrymore. The gently comic tale of a former academic who takes to the bottle after the death of his wife.
Directed by Garson Kanin 6.00 The Channel Four Daily.
9.25 Film: Jack Ahoy (1935, b/w). Silly nautical comedy starring Jack Hulbert and Nancy O'Neil. When admiral's daughter O'Neil is kidnapped by Chinase pirates, brave Hulbert launches a rescue mission. Directed by Walter Forde 10.55 Film: In the Navy (1941, b/w). Directed by Garson Kanin 10.55 Film: Bitter Sweet (1933, b/w

Typical Abbott and Costello comedy about two friends who cause starring Anna Neagle. Noël Coward's sentimental operatia, his first chaos when they join the US Navy. najor work as a composer. Directed Directed by Arthur Lubin 12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by

major work as a composer. Directed by Herbert Wilcox

12.20 The Royal Institution Christmas
Lectures (r) 1.20 PC Pinkerton (r)

1.25 Animal Fair (r) 1.35 Look,
Stranger. Peter Wood's dream (r)

2.00 News and weather followed by
The Historyman. How the towns of Long Stratton and Saffron
Walden got their names (r) 2.10
Saboteurs of Telemark (r)

3.00 News and weather followed by
Easter Island. Part two (r). (Ceefax)
3.50 News, regional news and weather Susannah Simons 1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
2.00 Open College: Circuit Training. The silicon chip, a transistor and a brief history of the computer (r).

(Oracle) Madonna of the Seven Moons (1944, b/w). Phyllis Calvert stars in this unbelievable melodrama as the split personality wife of a rich Rome wine merchant who seasonally escapes to Florence to become the mistress of gangster Stewart Granger. Directed by Arthur wearrer
4.00 Play Snooker with Dennis Taylor
4.30 Playder. Jeffrey Archer selects his favourite film and television clips

5.06 Snap. Photography advice (r).
(Ceefax)
5.10 Horizon: The Sharpest Show of
the Universe (r). (Ceefax)
6.06 Film: The Window (1949, b/w).
Young Bobby Driscoil is excellent as
a boy who witnesses a murder
but, because of his penchant for
telling lies, nobody believes him.
Directed by Ted Tetzlaff
7.15 9 If 5. A report on sexual
harassment in the workplace
7.45 First Easter. The faith of Polish
farmer Withold Przadka. (Ceefax)
8.00 Yes, Minister. Anthony Jay and
Jonathan Lynn's classic comedy (r)
8.30 Nature. What makes Japen so
impervious to the condemnations of
the world's conservationists? Crabtree
4.30 Fifteen-to-One
5.00 Amazon Marathon. A look at the 5.00 Snap. Photography advice (r).

5.00 Amazon Marathon. A look at the sk-week rowing expedition by 18 Oxford University students (r) 5.30 Animation on 4. Three shorts 6.00 The Peinter's World: The Artist and the Nude. Tonight's programme discovers who goes naked in art and shows why nudity is one of art's most persistent themes 6.30 Kate & Allie. Domestic comedy series set in Greenwich Village starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin (r) 7.00 Charnael 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi 7.50 Comment followed by Weather 8.00 Greek Fire (see Choice) 8.30 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien leads another brave team through tests of cerebral and

the world's conservationists?

9.00 French and Saunders. More comic parodies from the talented Dawn and Jennifer

9.30 40 Minutes: Mec in the USSR (see Choice)

10.10 Mistere Buffe. Part two of Robbie Cottrane's solo interpretation of Dario Fo's comic history of relicion through tests of cerebral and physical dexterity 9.30 Film on Four: The Final Frame

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(1989) (see Choice)
11.15 Film: Marite (1947, b/w). Stirring
Second World War drama about a
young Lithuanian village girl who
joins the partisans in the fight against
the occupying Germans. Directed
by Vera Strojeva. English subtitles
12.55an Animation on 4. Three
animated shorts. Ends at 1.40 religion
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Lefte Show 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Happy Human
Beings Once They Leave? Ends at
12.30am

BBC 1 WALES: 6.30pms-7.00 Wales Today
12.35am-12.40 News and weather
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8.30-8.00 Focal Point: The Priesthood — Mass
Exotus? MORTHERN IRELAND: 6.35pm
Sportswide 5.40-6.00 Inside Ukster 6.30 Neighbours
6.58-7.00 Inside Ukster Update 8.30-9.00
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BBC2 WALES: 5.10pm-6.00 Indoor Bowls

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SKY ONE

5.00am International Business Report
5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ
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New Price is Right 10.30 The Young
Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00
Another World 12.50pm As the World
Turns 1.45 Loving 2.15 A Problem
Shared 2.45 Those were the Days 3.00
Cricket: West Indies v England, fifth Test,
from Antigua 10.35 Jameson 11.30 Boney

SKY NEWS

News on the hour. 5.00am International Business Report
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5.30 European Business Report, incl
European Business Channel 9.30 Frank
Bough 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 The Reporters 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 The Reporters 4.30 NBC Today 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 Frank Bough 9.30 Target 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am Frank Bough 1.30 Target 2.30 NBC News 3.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel

All films will be scrambled 2.00pm Breaker Morant (1979): The true story of the court-martial of three members of an Australian platoon during the Boer War

4.00 Yogi Bear and the Magic Flight of
the Spruce Goose: Animated adventure
6.00 Weekend of Shadows: A lynch
mob hunts a suspected murderer in 1930s

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Australia
7.40 EntertsImment Tonight
8.00 Johnny Dangerously (1984):
Michael Keaton in a spoof of the 1930s
gangster movies
9.40 Projector: Movies on Sky
10.00 Rampage (1988): Against his
beliefs, an assistant district attorney
(Michael Bielnn) is given the task of
securing the death penalty for a murderer
11.45 Freddy's Nightmares (1989): With
Robert Englund as Freddy Krueger
1.43am Malone (1987): Burt Reynolds
as a contract killer, whose plans for
retirement are thwarted
4.00 Salome's Last Dance (1988): Ken
Russell's vision of a trip by Oscar Wilde to a
brothel to watch a staging of his banned
play Salome. Ends at 5.35am

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Circus World Championships 9.00 Transworld Sport 10.00 US Masters Golf 12.00 Boxing 2.00pm Adventure Hour 3.00 US Masters Golf 5.00 Handball 6.00 Mobil 1 Motor Sport News 6.30 Trax 7.00 Basketball 9.00 Football 40.00 World Cariforn 9.00 Football 10.00 World Curling Championships 11.00 Australian Rules Football 12.00 WWF Wrestling

6.00am Kristiane Becker 11.00
Remote Control 11.30 Club MTV 12.00
Saturday Night Live 12.30pm Spotlight
Aerosmith 1.00 Afternoon Mix 3.00 The
Phil Collins Serious Video Show 4.00 3
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Report 4.45 Afternoon Mix 5.30
Greatest Hits 6.30 The Big Picture 7.00
Saturday Night Live 7.30 Club MTV
8.00 Spotlight 8.30 Headbangers Ball
10.00 Coca-Cola Report 10.15 Maiken
Wexo 1.00am Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00em Powersports 8.00 Tennis 9.30
Rallycross 10.00 ice Hockey 10.30 French
Rugby League 12.00 Spain Spain Sport
12.15pm ice Hockey 2.15 US Pro Ski Tour
3.00 Rallycross 4.00 Spanish Football
4.30 Rugby League 6.00 Rugby League
7.30 Argentinian Football 8.30 indy Car
10.15 Pro Bowlers Spring Tour: 13 11.30
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LIFESTYLE

10.00em Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 We're Cooking Now tor formorrow 10.30 we re Cooking Now 10.50 Spain Spain Cookery 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 The Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm Style File 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.45 The Rich Also Cry 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 2.05 Tea Break 3.15 Cinema 4.40 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-A-Vision Shopping Channel

• Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

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7.30, 8.30 and 10.00pcm

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Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates

12.30pcm Newsbeat 12.45

Gay Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in
the Afternoon 5.30 News '90

6.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Top of
the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30

Philip Schoffeld 8.30 John Peel

10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-

RADIO 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 4.00am Steve Madden 5.30 Chris Stuart 7:30 Derek Jameson 9:30 Judith Chalmers 11:00 Jimmy Young 1:05pm David Jacobs Special Edition: A salute Jacobs Special Edition: A Sattle to Cote Porter 2.00 Gloria Humiliord 4.00 Tony Bennett 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The New Huddines 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Paul Jones 9.40 Herces 10.00 Ken Bruce 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.30 The Golden Years 1.00-4.00 Nightride

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GBFT. Add an hour for 8STT.
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RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News
Headlines
7.09 Morning Concert: Stanford
(Irish Rhapsody No 5: UlsterOrchestra under Handley);

Holst (Suite for Winds, Op 28 No 2: Cleveland Symphonic Winds under Fennelh 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
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Mountain and the Flood:
Scottish National Orchestra

under Gibson); Veughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis: Theme of Thomas Talis: Academy of St Martin-Inthe-Fields under Neville
Marriner, with lone Brown
and Malcolm Latchem,
violins, Stephen Shingles,
viola, Dennis Vigay, cello);
Bridge (There Is a Willow
Grows Asiant a Brook:
English Chamber Orchestra
under Tate); Bax (Tintagel:
London Symphony
Orchestra under John
Barbirolii)

Barbirotti) 8.35 Composers of the Week: Mozart — The Path to the Requiem, Offertoria, Inter natos mulierum, K 72; Misericordias Domini, K 222; Venite populi, K 260; Graduale, Sancte Maria, mater Dei, K 273 (RIAS

mater Dei, K 273 (RIAS Chamber Choir; Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra under Creed); Vesperae solannes de confessore, K 339 (Jeunesses Musicales Chorus; Budapest Philharmonic Orchestra under fund Tiercher with under Ivan Fischer, with Maria Zádori, soprano, Paul Esswood, counter-tenor, Alexander Oliver, tenor, Laszio Polgár, bass); Maurerische Trauermusik, K 477 (Vienna Phliharmonic Orchestra under Böhm)

9.35 Brahms (Sonata No 2 in F sharp minor, Op 2: Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumann, Op 9: Jorge Frederico Osorio, piano) (r) 10.25 Suk Quartet performs Suk (String Quartet No 2 in B flet, Op 31); Klement Stavicky (String Quartet No 2, 1972) (r) 11.15 BBC Scottish SO under

Henry Lawis performs
Haydn (Symphony No 6 "Le
Matim"): Berg (Seven Early
Songs); Tchaikovsky
(Symphony No 6) 1.00pm News 1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Live from Studio One, Pebble Mill. Lowri Blake, cello, Caroline

Myaskovsky (Soneta No 2 in A minor, Op 61); Stravinsky (Russian Maiden's Song); Strauss (Sonata in F, Op 6) 2.00 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (FM only from 3.00) under Kees Bakels, with Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano, performs Mendelssohn (Overture.

Ruy Blas); Liszt (Concerto No 1); Bruckner (Symphony No 1): Bruckner (Symphony No 3 in D minor)
3.00-10.30 Test Match Special (MfW only): West Indies v England, fifth Test from St John's, Antigua
3.25 Telemann: St Matthew Passion (1730) (FMI only) performed by St James's Baroque Players under Ivor Bolton; St James's Singers, with Lorna Anderson, soprano, David Cordier, soprano, David Cordier.

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only): In anticipation of Easter, Brian Kay presen a musical look at the 7.00 News (FM only)

7.05 News (FM cniy): Violinist Gidon Kremer talks to Nicholas Kenyon 7.30 Leningrad Symphony Orchestra (FM only) under Alexander Dmitriev, with Sexes Steller violin Alexander Unitaries, with Sergel Stadler, violin, performs Tchalkovsky (The Tempest); Prokoflev (Violin Concerts No. 1). Live from the City Hot Closes: Bart the City Hall, Glasgow. Part

8.25 Tunnel Vision (FM only): English reactions to the proposed Channel Tunnel are reflected on by cultural storian Daniel Pick 8.45 Leningrad SO (FM only) performs Shostakovich (Symphony No 5). Part 2 9.40 The Voyage of St Brenden (FM only): A new translation by Charles Bland of part of the 10th-century Latin manuscript. Read by Rober

Eddison

10.00 Music in Our Time (FM only until 10.30): Concertos for Strings (London Chamber Symphony under Odaline de la Martinez, with Sophie la maristraz, with solution Langdon, violin); Michael Rosenzweig (Concerto for strings); Duncan Druce (Concerto popolare). First UK broadcasts 11.00 Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season. Sibelius – and Beechart. The Oceanides – Mono, 1956; The Return of

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Mono, 1939; Symphony No 4 in A minor (r) 12.00 News 12.03am Close

RADIO 4

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9.09 News
9.05 Punters: An opportunity for Isteners to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks. With Susan Marling 9.45 The Upper Hand: Part 2: The Cleaning Lady. With Dylan Winter (r) 10.00 News; The Natural History Programme with Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm 10.45 Short Stories for Holy Week: Claudia Procula Writes a Letter, by Sara

Maitland. Read by Penelope Keith (r)
11.00 News, Citizens
11.25 Conversation Piece (new series): In the first of six programmes, Sue MacGregor meets theatre

director and actress Glen
Waltord
11.50 First Person: Series of talks
by first-lime broadcasters.
An actor's life on the road is
described by touring described by touring performer Sandy Neilson News; You and Yours

dramatization of Doroth . Sayers's mystery (2) (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World one 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 includes a feature on the legal and business problems faced by

3.90 News; The Passion Play: An adaptation of the medieval mystery play. With Steven Granville as Jesus (s) 4.00 News 4.05 Bookshelf: David Malout

12.25pm Lord Peter Wimsey: The Unpleasantness at the Bellona Club. A skr-part Shipping Forecast 2.00 News, Woman's Hour: Presented by Jenni Murray. biographers; a discussion on women QCs on the day new QCs will be announced; and journalist Triona Holden

reporting on the Japanese attitude towards the Forecast
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10.57am-12.00 The Royal Newcaste-upon-Tyne (s) 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner (s) 5.50-5.55 PM (cont) 11.30-12.10am Open University: 11.30 Child Abuse and the Law 11.50 talks to Nigel Forde about his new novel The Great World: and Jilly Cooper's favourite reading Social Class and Electoral Behaviour

4.35 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecas 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financia 6.39 And Now . . . In Colour: Comedy with Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vandyck (s) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Public Affairs (new series):
David Wheeler highlights six scandals which made the headlines in their day. Part
1: Rachman, A Man of
Property (s) (see Choice)
8.00 Song of Freedom: Trevor
Barnes talks to Chief Rabbi, Lord Jakobovits, about the implications for Jews of the changing political scene in Eastern Europe
8.30 No Problem: Ray Brown talks about the three months he spent exploring

months he spent exploring Yugoslavia 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Kati

whitaker presents the magazine for people with disabilities

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Veronica Cecil examines the work of South African writers, including interviews with Athol Fugard and André Brink; and a feature on the could are response of

rights and wrongs of cladding old buildings (s) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: In the Red Kitchen, by Michele Roberts (3 of 10) 11.00 Exit Lines: Fiv

dramatization of Reginald H례's detective story. With Donald Gee as Det Insp Pascoe and Philip Jackson as Supt Dalziel (final part) (s) Out of Order: Political quiz.
MPs Tony Banks and Julian
Critchley challenge Matthew
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RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

• Public Affairs (Radio 4 7,20pm), a new series about scandals and causes célèbres, opens with the Rachman affair. It confirms, and contradicts, what the Bard said about the post-mortem survival of evil. But, at the end of the litany of social crimes that Rachman committed against London slum tenants, we are still left wondering what precisely Richard Dimbleby had in mind when, introducing a Panorama indictment of

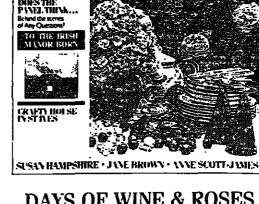


tenants (Radio 4, 7.20pm)

Rachmanism in 1963, he warned viewers that this was the kind of sordid story "some of you may not want young people to hear". The passing references to Rachman's association with Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies are scarcely the stuff of which sleepless nights are made. And the revelations about the itching powder and dead rats that Rachman's men are alleged to have put into tenants' bed linen to get them out, and the furniture they are said to have strewn across the roads, provoke disbelief as much as disgust. The evil that Rachman did was buried with him, says reporter David Wheeler, because from it sprang housing associations and rent control legislation. But, he concludes, the continuing shortage of rented accommodation at a reasonable price also means that

Rachmanism lives on.

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Nato tops agenda as **Thatcher** meets Bush

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Bermuda tomorrow between Mrs Thatcher and President

Both are determined that play a key role in Europe and Mrs Thatcher wants to discuss with the US President the most suitable form of nuclear weapons to be retained in Germany as part of Nato's

Mrs Thatcher is ready to drop her previous insistence on the modernization of Nato's ground-launched Lance missiles, long resisted by Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his Foreign Minister. It is accepted that updating would not make sense when the missiles would only reach the eastern half of a reunified Germany. Instead she is expected to urge the case for air-

the older, free-fall missiles with stand-off missiles like the American Sram-T, yet to be isters have a planning meeting in Canada next month and new proposals on weaponry from the Americans.

Mrs Thatcher and President Bush will also be discussing ways of maintaining the momentum on arms reductions after the Conventional Force Reduction talks in Vienna have been concluded. They are expected to begin outlining unified Germany which will a Western negotiating position not make life too difficult at which will make further home for President Gorbprogress possible while safeguarding security.

Mrs Thatcher has signified her willingness to reduce British conventional forces in time if the Soviet Union withdraws completely from Eastern Europe, but she is insistent that British and

THE future of Nato is ex- American forces will continue pected to dominate talks in to be needed in a unified

Germany. The two leaders are expected to discuss ways of US troops should continue to Conference for Security and

Co-operation in Europe in building democracy and increasing human rights across Europe, without downgrading the role of Nato. Mrs Thatcher, who will be

meeting President Bush for the sixth time within a year, is unperturbed at reports that the American Administration now accords far more importance to its contacts with Bonn. Officials say that Mr Bush telephones her more than President Reagan used to do and that their relationship

Preoccupation with Bonn over the past year or more is regarded as inevitable given the developments in Eastern Europe and the Bermuda meeting is seen as a contribu-The RAF hopes to replace tion to getting things back onto an even keel.

The Prime Minister considers that her cautious approach developed. Nato defence min- to German unification has paid dividends, that suitable assurances have been won and there have been rumours of that a more reasonable timetable is now emerging. Officials say that unification is now proceeding in a way that Western institutions are able to handle.

A key element in the talks between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Bush will be how to establish defence arrangements for the will see in Kiev in June, a week or so after his summit with Mr Bush. They will also discuss ways of encouraging a dialogue between Mr Gorbachev and the Lithuanians.

Bucket and spade time for the Princes



helping their consins to bury their mother, Princess
Diana, in sand yesterday during their holiday on the second day of the holiday. The Princess of Wales

Kashmir university hostages found dead

From Coomi Kapoer, Delhi

THE bodies of the kidnapped Vice-Chancellor of Kashmir University, Dr Musheer-ul-Haq, and his secretary, Mr Ghulam Nabi, were found yesterday on the outskirts of Srinagar

The Vice-Chancellor and his aide were kidnapped at gunpoint six days ago by the Jammu and Kashmir Students' Liberation Front, which demanded the release of jailed terrorists in exchange for freeing their

The general manager of a government watch factory, Mr H L Khera, was found dead on Tuesday after

sent. Anger over the rising spate of killings in the troubled northern border state of Jammu and Kashmir was reflected in the Indian Parliament yesterday when two MPs belonging to the National Front Government's

ally, the right wing Hindn militant Bharatiya Janaca Party, demanded the resignation of the Home Minister, Mr Musti Mohammed Sayeed. Opposition members of the Congress (I) Party demanded that the Prime Minister, Mr V P Singh, step down because of his inablety to control the situation in Kashmir, where the majority Muslim popula-

tion, with the help of neighbouring

Pakistan, has stepped up its insurgency campaign to press for secession

There were tumultuous scenes in parliament with the Congress (I) Partystaging two walk-outs in protest over the absence of the Home Minister. They later criticized the inadequacy a statement by Mr Sayeed on Kashmir. The murdered men's families meanwhile expressed bitterness that, while five terrorists had been freed in exchange for the release of the Home Minister's daughter three months ago, the Indian Government had refused to appease the terrorists in the case of their slain relatives. The Prime Minister warned in parliament on Tuesday that if Paki-stan forced war on India by fanning insurgency in Kashmir, it would have to pay a heavy price.

• KARACHI: The Chief of Staff of

the Pakistan Army, General Mirza Aslam Beg, has said that the Indian Prime Minister's statement calls for high state of vigilance and readiness (Zahid Hussain writes).

Genera Beg said at a senior officers' meeting in Rawalpindi yesterday that Pakistan could not remain com-placent. President Ishaq Khan and the Prime Minister, Miss Benazir Bhutto, also met the officers and discussed defence measures on the border with

measure to reduce substantially the period of residence required to achieve settled status and eventual citizenship would be within the total of 50,000 households covered by the Nationality Bill. The Foreign Office said Mr Hurd had been talking about an approved secondment scheme since dropped.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the

former Conservative chairman who is leading the backbench opposition to the Bill, declined to comment on Mr Maude's remarks, but Mr Nicholas Budgen, Consei-vative MP for Wolverhampton South West, said he had always feared that the Bill was the thin end of the wedge. "If the problem involves three and a half million people, and you say at the same time it is going to be substantially ameliorated by granting right of entry to a quarter of a million (50,000 heads of household) you must be rather mad or unable to count or you must believe the Bill is only the beginning of a

At a Hong Kong press conference, Mr Maude sought to defend his claim that up to 20 other countries were planning to offer right of abode to Hong Kong people, despite-denials from representatives of nations concerned.

The minister brushed aside denials saying: "Policies are made not in consulates-gen-eral but in national capitals. We don't go around making announcements of this sort without being clear that they reflect the wishes of the gov-

But he offered little comfort to 6,000 ethnic Indians in Hong Kong holding British Dependent Territories Passports, who will become stateess when the colony reverts to Chinese control in 1997. China recognizes only ethnic Chinese as its own nationals.

Mr Maude said they could apply, like others, for the limited British passport scheme, which gives no spe-

Walters helps Tories oppose ERM

Political Correspondent

BACKBENCH Tory opponents of closer monetary and political union in the European Community have been encouraged by the strong at-tack on the European Monetary System by Sir Alan Walters, the Prime Minister's former economic adviser.

Mr William Cash, chairman of the backbench Conservative European affairs committee, said Sir Alan had

solve Britain's underlying economic problems.

Mr Cash said that despite progress made in the past decade, problems continued to be low productivity, effing around with blocks of

Mr Cash said that Mr Nigel

ing the exchange-rate mechanism of the EMS would not itated the credit explosion and argument. high interest rates. It was absurd" to call for membership of a system that caused the country's economic problems in the first place.

MPs on the pro-European would not be put right by the Alan's intervention as "last technical solution of "tinker- year's argument". They said that because be

couples his distaste for the EMS with support for a single Lawson's policy of shadowing currency, his comments canthe West German Mark in not be regarded as particularly

They believe that ministers and Tory MPs think that early British membership of the ERM is the only way to bring domestic inflation down to acceptable levels before the

Mr Cash acknowledged this shift in attitude by adding that he suspected that Sir Alan had timed his intervention to stop backsliding.

Leading article, page 13

WEATHER

ABROAD

Minister accused over state of roads

By Michael Dynes Transport Correspondent

Mr Robert Atkins, the Under Secretary of State for Transport, was accused yesterday of trying to disguise the extent of last year's deterioration in the condition of trunk roads in

The accusation followed publication of the annual Nat-ional Road Maintenance Condition Survey, in which Mr

to measure rutting, tarmac deterioration, surface cracks, and other "hazardous

compared with 1977.

Central and eastern Eng-

Atkins' statement, the survey's defects index, the Department of Transport's

vardstick for measuring flaws

in road surfaces, reveals an

11.2 per cent deterioration in

However, contrary to Mr Federation, the national pro-Atkins' statement, the sur-roads lobby, said: "Mr Atkins's optimistic statement does not appear to be borne out by the Department of Transport's own figures."

However, the blacktop road the condition of trunk roads survey, which excludes motor-The defects index attempts roads, and which is carried out jointly by the Local Authority Associations and the Department of Transport, did show

improvement welcomed b Mr Diment. The department yesterday

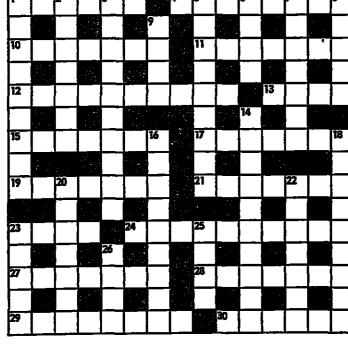
rejected Mr Diment's allegations that ministers were trying to pull the wool over people's eyes. "All we are saying is that there has been a similar to 1977 levels."

● Mr Atkins yesterday anmaintenace programme for Atkins said the recent deterioration had been arrested, and was now back to 1977 levels.

defects". that the deteriorating quality of local roads had been halted was now back to 1977 levels. director of the British Road and returned to 1977 levels, an plementation during 1990-91.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,266



1 Thrash to correct bad character

4 Unemployed man — there's no assistance for him to draw (4-4). 10 Out at lunch - it's open (7).

11 What's in the bank has accumulated, naturally (7). 12 William and Mary agree terms equal shares (5,5). 13 Ghosts, for example, flutter (4).

rejection of issue (7). 17 Bottles that won't split (4,3). 19 Sporting author is said to be master joker (7).

. 15 Basque nationalists call for

21 I leave side convulsed with fury

— Free Frenchman unjustly con-23 A failure as a teacher? (4). 24 Certificates to discuss on return

from copier rooms (10).

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27 County side suffers reverse - act

upset about it (7).

28 After tea, provide some entertainment (7). 29 Baptise child 'Moll' (4-4). 30 Avenge riots in neutral city (6).

1 Get grass, I hear, on clothes — send for her (9).

2 Being in intelligence, I chanced upon a group with weapons (7).

3 Abandon aircraft over the sea a very stupid measure (5-5). 5 Studied speaking, and passed while doing it (3-6).

6 Exhibition in former government office (4). 7 A bishop gives peace greeting — not hard, to rebellious son (7). 8 A song for the box (5).

9 One wielding hammer chips bit off spine (4). 14 Be sure of success via the media when disposing of one product (4,2,4).

16 Rugby and Greyfriars schoolboys join quartet (4,5). 18 Expression of regret for one's

absence (9). Fluster upsetting calm (7). 22 Pardon in fashion: I see (7). 23 Character once thus formed in harmony (5).

Island's measure of rainfall (4). 26 Honour one in the kitchen (4).

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the inguage jungle. Which of the ossible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard LAKE WOBEGON EFFECT . Hicks from the sticks AVERRUNCATE

. Having webbed fingers . Studded with gems c. To ward off TALMA b. A system of asary c. A theatrical cloak MALAX

a. Counter-clockwise b. To soften by kneading c. Proof by elimination Answers on page 20

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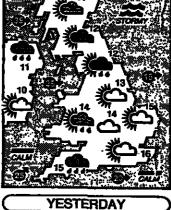
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THURSDAY APRIL 12 1990

Executive Editor David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar 1.6435 (+0.0080)

W German mark 2.7490 (-0.0158)

Exchange index 87.1 (-0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1733.3 (+0.8)

FT-SE 100 USM (Datastream)

140.59 (-0.25) Market report, page 28

Support

for yen

INTERVENTION to prop up
the yen continued following
the Group of Seven meeting
last weekend. Several European central banks sold dol-lars for yen, but the amounts were thought to have been modest. The yen rose from 158.55 to 158.10 to the dollar in London. The dollar was sharply lower against the mark falling nearly 2 pfermigs to DM1.6713.

Sterling had a lackinstre day. It fell about 1.5 pfennigs to DM2.7490 and rose by more than 75 points to \$1.6435. The effective rate index closed 0.1 lower at 87.1. Smiths ahead

Smiths Industries is raising its interim dividend from 3.25p to 3.5p on pre-tax profits up from £47.1 million to £50

Tempus, page 24 New chairman

Mr Andrew SB Knight has been appointed a director and executive chairman of News International. Miss Sonia Land has resigned as a

STOCK MARKETS

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TOURIST RATES Bank Solid 2,055 18,95 1

letas Price Index: 120.2 (February)

By Lindsay Cook Family Money Editor BUYERS of insurance policies should be

told what commission is paid by the insurer to brokers before they sign, the Office of Fair Trading has recom-mended. It claims the Securities and Investments Board rules on disclosure are not strong enough to promote competition.

Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of the OFT, wants full disclosure of commission paid by life offices to independent financial advisers and of the costs and expenses of insurance companies. This, he maintains, would increase competition among insurers. In

a report to the Department of Trade and Industry, Sir Gordon said that competition between insurers was likely to be adversely affected by the SIB's Conduct

of Business Rules. These do not require any disclosure at the point of sale. Information is provided as a percentage figure, not in pounds and pence.

At the moment, insurance companies must send papers expressing commission as a percentage of the premium, to the clients of independent advisers after a sale is agreed. Tied agents and the direct sales forces of insurance companies are required to disclose the charges and expenses as a percentage of

the investment yield after the sale. Unless the change is made by the DTI. the relative costs of products are likely to be "imperfectly perceived by the investor, and the competition between independent financial advisers and tied

by a third, and in some cases by

substantially more.

CBI attacks Major for Budget inaction

By Colin Narbrough Economics Correspondent

THE Confederation of British Industry launched a vigorous attack on the Government for failing to heed its call for Budget moves to sustain business investment.

It called on Mr John Major, the Chancelior, to act without delay and not wait until next year to announce new measures. It was imperative to prevent manufacturing capacity from shrinking just when it should be gearing up for the single Euro-pean market and the emerging markets of Eastern Europe, the CBI said.

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, its president, said the Government had to decide: "Either the country slides back to where it was in the 1970s, or they take some action." The CBI call

BRITAIN'S listed house-

builders have finally ac-

knowledged the housing

market is in the worst

Costain and AMEC, two

leading companies, have both

made substantial provisions

against the value of their

The companies have collec-

tively wiped more than £30

million off the value of land

bought in the boom years of

1987 and 1988. The fall in

South-east house prices and

longer time it takes to nego-

tiate sales means land is not

Mr Peter Costain, chief

worth what they paid for it.

executive of Costain, an-

nounced a provision of £20

million against his company's 3,000 unit land bank, knock-

ing 15 per cent off its value.

He could not recall ever

making write-offs before. "A

lot of commentators have said

this is the worst housing market for 25 years. I would

not disagree," he said. He attributes the problems

of the South-east housing

market, between May and

September 1988, Land prices

were rising then due to the

then Chancellor Mr Nigel

Lawson's policy of keeping

interest rates down. In May

that year bank base rates fell to

At the same time house

prices there were soaring,

driven by low mortgage rates and Mr Lawson's decision to

end multiple mortgage in-

terest relief, apotent factor in

the South-east. As evidence of

the sharp slowdown, Costain

built only 696 homes in 1989,

compared to 1,862 the year

TWO more struggling retailers

deepened the gloom in the retail sector. French Connec-

tion's shares fell 9p to 43p

after it reported pre-tax losses

of £4.67 million, in line with

warnings from the fashion

company. A year ago, losses reached almost £1 million.

Tie Rack held steady at 35p

after it reported profits, before

tax and exceptional items,

down from £3.12 million to

£1.32 million for the year to

January on sales of £58.6

million, down from £44.6

£432,000.

property profit of

7.5 per cent.

before.

to land purchases at the peak 1,000 homes in the South-east.

At AMEC, whose Fair- than in 1988. After the write-clough subsidiary built 1,480 down, pre-tax profits were

residential land banks.

recession it has known.

amounted to an effective re-submission of its pre-Budget requests to the Chancellor, in which it sought lower corporate tax and more generous write-offs on investment.

Determined to avoid any easing of pressures on industry that might open the way for inflationary pay awards, Mr Major appeared to ignore CBI appeals in his Budget.

Speaking after the first post-Budget meeting of the industry body's ruling council, Mr John Banham, the CBI director general, said the situation was "very serious," with investment in manufacturing set to decline this year by just under 1 per cent, after growing by nearly 9 per cent last year.

He said Britain now had a chance to build on the supply side improve-

homes in 1989, Mr Alan £55.1 million. The principal

Cockshaw, the chairman, re-satisfaction for Mr Costain

Two years ago Abbey built £100,000 ahead of the forecast

was the 50 per cent increase in

operating profits at the en-

gineering and construction di-

vision which made £29.4 million. A final dividend of

7.5p is being paid making a total of 12.25p (11.85p).

At AMEC, the full integration of Matthew Hall

helped lift turnover to £1.99

billion and pre-tax profits to

£91.3 million, an increase of

48 per cent. Hit by the write-

offs, the housing and property

division contributed £23.8

million of pre-tax profit, com-

pared with £29.4 million in 1988. A final dividend of

11.75p is bing paid making a total of 19p a share (17p).

Higgs & Hill, the construc-

tion company, yesterday re-

vealed pre-tax profits in line

with the forecast made earlier

last year when it successfully

fended off a £160 million

In the year to December,

Higgs & Hill made pre-tax

profits of £27.8 million, just

made four months ago and an

11 per cent increase over 1988.

man, said Higgs & Hill had no

need to make provisions

against its 2,200-unit land

bank, whose valuation was

one of the cornorstones of the

successful defence. Higgs &

Hill stopped buying land in

June last year, but is now

considering returning to the

Yesterday's figures showed

market this year

Sir Brian Hill, the chair-

hostile bid from YJ Lovell.

Builders face

write-downs

on land banks

vealed the £23.8 million made

by its housing and property division, came after substan-

tial provisions for its 5,000 unit land bank. "We have

reviewed the land bank and

made very substantial pro-

visions. By substantial I mean

more than £10 million," he

said. AMEC's write-down is

The two companies are the

largest to make provisons

against their residential land

banks but are not the first.

Abbey, the Irish builder that

specializes in the South-east,

made its first provisions in

1989 and three weeks ago

warned of futher large write-

Mr Ray Davis, the chief executive, said: "Our experi-

ence would suggest that land

prices have fallen by about 50

per cent." The company is

expected to make provisions

of £10-14 million in the year

to April, reducing the value of

its land bank by 30 per cent.

"Land that would have

made £1 million an acre 18

months ago is now selling for £450,000." says Mr Davis.

Acknowledging that in some parts of the South-east land

prices have fallen substan-

the provisions were enough.

nally, Mr Costain said he felt

Despite the similar write-

downs, Costain and AMEC re-

veal differing fortunes for the

year to December. At Costain.

more than doubled interest

charges of £22 million reduced

a marginally-lower operating

profit to a pre-tax and pre-

write down profit of £75.1

Two more retailers add to

gloom in the high street

million, 15.8 per cent lower share.

This year it will be 500.

offs to come this year.

also about 15 per cent.

ments of the 1980s."But there is great danger that we will miss that window of opportunity."

Mr Banham said the message from the CBI council was that medium-sized firms, in particular, were reporting that investment is set to fall and unemployment to rise.

He accused Mr Major of making a mistake in not listening to the CBI requests before the Budget, but underlined that now there was "no time to be watching opportunities disappear."

Given the speed the Government has changed other legislation, he saw no need for it to wait until the "annual spasm of policy-making." The Chancellor need not even have to implement new measures this business optimism by announcing changes in coming years.

The CBI was critical of the decision of Mr Major's predecessor, Mr Nigel Lawson, to cut income tax the year after the stock market crash of October 1987. Then too it had urged measures to foster business investment rather than fuel con-Sumer demand.

Sir Trevor noted that Mr Major had shown in the Budget speech he was aware of the risk of recession and the importance of keeping investment high, but had failed to follow through with any measures.

Mr Banham reiterated the CBI view that sustaining business investment was increasingly important if Britain was to make serious progress year, but could simply improve in removing the underlying causes

of inflation and narrowing the balance of payments deficit.

Even at the high investment levels it has achieved, British industry was still investing 40 per cent less than its rivals in West Germany and 30 per cent less than in France. The latest CBI figures show

manufacturers expecting productivity to rise an annual 6.7 per cent in the first quarter next year after a 6.5 per rise in the first quarter this year. First quarter pay awards were running at 8.5 per cent this year. ● Up to 1,500 Polish managers could train with British companies under an agreement signed between

the CBI and the British Council. About 100 firms have already responded to the call for places in industry and commerce.

> the 725p a share cash bid. Laing said that after talking

> It said: "Shareholders have

matter of time.

Mr Chilver said he had informed Sir Jeffrey Sterling, afternoon

Jeffrey assurances that we will

outcome as "very satisfactory". But the market will have to wait and see what parts of Laing's billion-pound property portfolio Pall Mail intends to sell.

that it did, to take cash rather than stay with the business."

Pall Mail's bid for Laing was launched after Mr Bernerd's Chelsfield group had spent 18 months accumulating a stake. The turning point came last Friday, when a buying raid on institutions took the Pall Mall stake above 40 per cent,

Tesco serves up £362m



Happy to stay in Britain: Sir Ian MacLaurin, who has no plans to expand abroad

facing high mortgage payments may not be spending on clothes and furniture but they are not cutting back on food and drink, according to Sir Ian MacLaurin, the chairman of Tesco, the supermarket chain, (writes Gillian Bowditch).

Tesco sells more champagne than any other British company and sales of fresh fruit and vegetables also

boomed last year. Sir Ian said the chain had a particularly good Christmas with two Tesco stores taking more than £2 million in the

week before Christmas. Tesco's pre-tax profits for

the year to February rose by 31 per cent to £362 million on

outstanding opportunity be-

HARD-PRESSED consumers sales up by 14.5 per cent at fore we would move." Tesco £5.4 billion. Property profits opened 22 new stores last year were £35 million, Earnings per and intends to open about 20 share, excluding property profits, rose by 22 per cent to 13.8p and the dividend per stores a year for the next three years.

> 4.3p. Net margins rose from 5.9 per cent to 6.4 per cent. Sir Ian is banking on the demand for quality food continuing. Unlike most of his competitors, he does not in-

tend to diversify into nonfood retailing or move over-"The opportunities for us in

the UK are gianormous," he said. "We've looked at America and Europe and there would have to be a truly

Tesco staff are considering a share is up by 23 per cent to basic 10 per cent pay award which will give some employees up to 20 per cent and keeps them among the best-paid in the industry.

Sir Ian said that sales in the current year have continued at a "very satisfactory level." Mr Tony MacNeary of County NatWest, the broker, is expecting pre-tax profits this year of £400 million and says Tesco's shares, unchanged at 201p, deserve to be on a slight

premium to Sainsbury. Tempus, page 24

Laing board accepts defeat

By Our City Staff

THE directors of Laing Properties have hoisted the white flag and surrendered to Pall Mall, the joint venture be-tween P&O and Chelsfield, Mr Elliott Bernerd's private company.

Mr Brian Chilver, the chairman, announced that the board would be recommend-ing the £480 million bid, which closes at lunchtime today. The decision is believed to have come after a number of the family and charitable trusts had indicated that they were likely to accept

to the Laing family, and trustees of the family and charitable trusts, the company had concluded that, in the absence of a recommendation, the stake that Pall Mall had accumulated in Laing would lead to deadlock, regardless of the outcome of the bid.

sold shares in such numbers as to render it unlikley that the existing board will be able to retain effective control of the future of the company's business." The recommendation was made "with regret".

Purchases made by Pall Mall yesterday, including a stake sold by the John Laing pension fund, are thought to have taken its holding towards 48 per cent. With Pall Mall owning more than 55 per cent of the convertible issue, its victory had simply become a

the P&O chairman, of the board's decision yesterday He said: "I have given Sir

do all we can to ensure a smooth transition." Sir Jeffrey described the

Of the outcome. Mr Chilver said: "It is just a great shame that the City took the view

effectively matching the stake the Laing board believed was in friendly hands.

Oil glut that construction made £8.6 million and property development £12.1 million. As part of leads to its defence, the company revealed a 67 per cent increase price drop in dividends to 20.0p (12p) a By Our City Staff Comment, page 25

Oil prices fell sharply after US stocks data fuelled growing concern about a glut on the world market arising from over-production by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, West Texas Intermediate, the US marker crude, dropped nearly \$2 a barrel in early trading to \$16.25 for May delivery.

In London, North Sea Brent Blend, the international marker crude, slumped nearly a dollar to \$16.40. In January it was well over \$20.

The renewed fall prompted speculation that the Open nations will hold an emergency meeting, organization denied this.

Opec members have been producing well in excess of their agreed 22.1 million barrels per day.

Last week the International Energy Agency said Opec pumped about 23.7 million barreis per day last month, unchanged from February.

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Bishko: still cautious £53.3 million and the final million. There was an excep- dividend was cut from 5.25p

big upturn this year. Earnings per share fell from 5.53p to 2.42p and the final dividend has been cut from 0.865p to 0.285p, 0.75p

(1.33p). to 2.7p. Operating losses

Marks, the chairman, said the group had acted to strengthen its balance sheet and manage ment. Mr Marks added that trading in the first two months of 1990 "shows encouraging recovery in Britain." At Tie Rack, there is little hope of a

Mr Roy Bishko, the chair-man and founder, said: "In the UK, we anticipate that the difficult economic climate will

reached £2.4 million, compared with profits of £292,000 At French Connection, sales slipped by £1.7 million to in 1988-89. Mr Stephen OFT says more information will lead to greater competition

persist and so we continue to take a cautious view of our ·main market." Comment, page 25

Insurers 'should disclose commission'

agents distorted," said Sir Gordon. Since the maximum commission agreement ended, the rates paid by insurance companies have typically risen

The SIB rules have also encouraged many independent advisers to become tied agents for insurance companies to avoid telling clients what percentage of

Tesco toasts a champagne success

THE success of Sir Ian Mac-venture. Tesco has no plans to Laurin's strategy for Tesco, move into non-food retailing, the supermarket chain, can be and geographical expansion in measured in bottles of cham- the next five years is unlikely. pagne. In 10 years, five under has moved from a cheap and retailing market in Britain will cheerful food retailer ready to be saturated is one which does take on competitors in aggres-not wash with Tesco, which sive price wars to Britain's opened 22 stores last year and biggest purveyor of has 23 planned for this year.

champagne. brought with it the Wine Retailer of the Year Award and five stars in the Green Consumer's Guide. These accolades have not been won at shareholders' expense. Pre-tax profits for the year to February rose 31 per cent to £362 million on sales up 14.5 per cent at £5.4 billion. Property profits were £35 million. Earnings per share, excluding property profits, rose 22 per cent to 13.8p and the dividend per assuming pre-tax profits of share is up 23 per cent 4.3p. £400 million this year. Net margins rose from 5.9 per cent to 6.4 per cent.

The question now is whether Sir Ian's strategy for the THE recent history of MB next five years will be as Group is one of the strongest successful. Tesco, alone arguments around for the cash among the big five super-takeover bid. The latest manmarket groups, has not diversified, and Sir Ian made it perfectly clear yesterday that it has no plans to do so.

J Sainsbury has Homebase, Asda has linked up with George Davies to sell clothes,

The perceived wisdom that Sir lan's chairmanship, Tesco in five year's time the food The two years after that The move upmarket has should see a similar storeopening programme and Tesco has enough quality sites to take the business through to

> Sticking to food retailing should boost the shares, and investors who have seen Sir Ian proved right on more than one occasion in the past are

MB Group

agement change, completing the reverse takeover by Caradon, confirms yet another likely change of direction, whatever the length of the timetable. MB will eventually metamorphose itself from a Gateway has Hermans sports shops in the US, and Argyll is involved in a European joint packaging group, via a non-descript pseudo-conglomerate with 25.5 per cent of CMB



Peter Jansen: leading changes at MB Group

building products company. That process will have been more profitable for financial advisers than for shareholders. It has involved a messy packaging merger on quest-ionable terms, followed by costly acquisitions of companies that will end up in management control or, probably, be resold.

That makes the intermedi-

Packaging, into esentially a ate nine-month results from MB even less meaningful than timing probably explain this. The good news is that Mr

otherwise. Pre-tax profits were slightly disappointing at both the nominal £80 million level (producing earnings of 15.2p per share) and at the annualized pro forma £103 million. Details of acquisition

garded after a strong track setbacks. record at Caradon, Given the poor UK market, there is also some temporary logic in MB's ably knocked £5 million off temporary shape with 45 per cent of trading profits from building products, 35 per cent from CMB and 20 per cent from US cheque printing. Less than half the business depends

on UK sales. In practice, MB is confident that building products profits will rise, bolstering City forecasts of 1990 pre-tax profits above £130 million. On that basis, the shares, at 198p, sell at about 9.5 times prospective earnings, with a pro forma yield of 5.7 per cent. However, ambitions to expand building products will require further drastic reshaping, so invest-ment is strictly a matter of faith in the new management.

Smiths Ind

SMITHS Industries would do itself a power of good, and in turn encourage a more faithful market following, if it spent part of its £95 million-plus-cash holdings on either medicial systems or industrial interests and forget defence, which is knocking sentinent

and has checked profits. Peter Jansen, now undisputed lion), and would have been they chief executive, is highly re-higher but for defence long. lion), and would have been

A dispute over hours at its Cheltenham operation probprofits, but while that upset is now over there looms in the second half the impact of industrial action at Boeing.

Overall, aerospace and defence profits in the first half were thus down from £25 million to £22.6 million, and could be in for a bumpy ride in the second half. Meanwhile, medical systems rose from £8.16 million to £10.3 million, and profits from industrial activities from £7.2 million to £8.9 million.

Given the weakness in many business areas, Smiths could well use its balances to benefit from distress sales.

Year-end forecasts have been clipped from £125 mil-

lion (against an actual £111.7 million previously) to £122 million. But 1991 forecasts of £136 million still stand.

At 222p, down 8p, the p/e ratios are 8 and 7.2 respectively. Fundamentally, Smiths interests are sound, but it needs a wider diversification away from defence to concentrate the market's mind.

The shares stand at their lowest relative to the market For the half year ended February 3, pre-tax profits rose from £47.1 million to 3.25p to 3.6p a share, payable £50.1 million on a turnover of £317.8 million (£306.9 million) and would have been they may not remain cheap for they may not remain cheap for

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SmithKline seeks up to \$1bn in US

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the pharmaceuticals greoup, is planning to raise up to \$1 billion in the US. It said: "The group proposes to raise in the US, through a private placement, preference capital by the issue of between \$500 million and \$1 billion of auction-rate preference shares. The issue is scheduled for completion on or before April 30.

The company said it also intended to redeem on June 1 the foll million outstanding balance of the floating-rate unsecured loan stock 1990-92, issued at the time of Beecham's July 1989 merger with SmithKline. Stockholders will have the option either of receiving cash or converting their loan stock into a new stock with a later redemption date. Together with the disposals of non-core businesses, the issue of the auction-rate preference shares is a further step in the restructuring of the finances of the enlarged group," Mr Hugh Collum, the finance director, said in the statement.

No referral of Extension for Lucas deal R&T halt

THE acquisition of Metier, a part of Lockheed, by Lucas industries will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission until next week. Rush is and Mergers Commission, promising a further statement on its affairs next week. A 48-hour share suspension was granted on the Department of Trade and Industry has decided. RMC Group's joint venture with British Dredging and Monday after a wave of Thyssen's proposed pur-chase of a number of assets rumours swept the market that Rush was facing finanfrom Blue Circle Industries cial problems. The shares stood at 63p on suspension.

BWAT 17% ahead

RESULTS from Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust, the holiday, car sales and fuel distribution company, measured up to City expectations with pre-tax profits for 1989 up 17 per cent at £4.2 million on turnover of £219.5 million, 28.5 per cent up.

Earnings per share grew 21 per cent to 43.9p (36.3p) and the proposed final dividend is being raised to 12.5p to make 17.5p. 16.7 per cent up on 1988. Borrowings rose 82 per cent 17.2p, 16.7 per cent up on 1988. Borrowing ruse as per cent up on 1988. Borrowing ruse as per cent. Let be rush to £15 million to fund acquisitions and property purchases, putting gearing at 71 per cent. Mr Paul Spetch, finance director, said that the company would feel more comfortable at last year's gearing of about 40 per cent. The best performer in the BWAT portfolio was the leisure and holiday division, with pre-tax profits up 119 per cent to £3 million.

a projected sales target of in its first year. The group within five years. The shares

Body Shop Board moves goes Japanese at Regalian

BODY Shop is joining forces REGALIAN'S chairman with the Japanese Jusco Mr Leonard Walton, has supermarket chain to sell its retired from the board. He is products in Japan under a succeeded by Mr David franchise arrangement. Body Goldstone, who will also Shop's first branch will open continue as chief executive. in Tokyo in the autumn with Mr Lee Goldstone, in addition to his current duties 25 150 million yens (£580,000) managing director of the company's operating subsidhopes to have about 50 iaries, will assume the outlets in the Tokyo area responsibility of group managing director. Sir John rose 9p to 439p on the Sparrow will join the board as a non-executive director.

Kingfisher debt issue

KINGFISHER is to launch a £500 million multi-currency euro-commercial paper and medium term note programme to replace an existing £150 million arrangement. Morgan Grenfell will organize the new debt and the currencies initially involved will be sterling, dollars, yen and Ecus. Others may be added later.

Standard and Poor's, the credit rating company, puts Kingfisher's euro-commercial paper at A-1 and its medium term notes at A. These ratings are on credit watch since the announcement last December of Kingfisher's bid for Dixons, the high street electrical retailer, which is presently being investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Stars mentioned in Guinness trial

that of David Bowie.

The rock star's name Mr Ferguson asked. "Yes." cropped up as counsel for Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chief executive, cross-examined a witness about an address book.

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, for Mr Saunders, gave reason for bringing up Mr Bowie's name, on a day when the names of the footballers Gary Lineker and Terry Venables were also aired at Southwark Crown Court

The trial heard evidence relating to an allegation that Mr Saunders destroyed documents concerning the £2.7 billion takeover of Distillers after a Government inquiry began into the 1986 bid.

Miss Melanie Burford, a secretary to Mr Saunders at Guinness, was asked which pages were original in address books in which, it is alleged, Mr Saunders had cut out entries and she had to re-type

The final stages before Easter Ferguson. "Under 'B' there is of the Guinness trial saw jurthe name and address of a ors contemplating the latest hotel, then David Bowie. famous name to be raised - Miss Burford replied: "Yes."

> Miss Burford replied. She added that the page was original and entries included friends of Mr Saunders.

"Is that the David Bowie?"

The names of Mr Lineker and Mr Venables came up when Mr Ferguson suggested to Miss Lucy Bayliss, a junior secretary, that a jotter, also alleged to have been destroyed on the orders of Mr Saunders, was his football jotting pad and that the former director of Queen's Park Rangers, made notes on scores, the club's form and players.

Miss Bayliss replied: "It could be."

Mr Saunders and three others variously deny 24 charges, including destroying company

Yesterday, day 36 of the trial, saw lawyers only in court after. Mr Justice Henry excused the jury the final planned day before Easter while a point of law was discussed. The case "For instance," asked Mr resumes on April 23.

fund further acquisitions.

Last year the company

made four major acquisitions,

worth £29.7 million, including

a tour operator, Cotsworld,

sheet at a value of £5 million,

Turnover grew from £168

million to £228 million and

Cannon Street up 29% to £26.5m

By Angela Mackay

HIGHER-than-expected times, reflecting high interest goodwill write-offs in 1989 rates and the company's depropelled Cannon Street cision not to issue shares to investments' graving to 140 fund further acquisitions. per cent but pre-tax profits were in line with market forecasts at £26.5 million, up 29 per cent.

The industrial holding com- and Network, a consumer pany, which has investments electronics company. They are spanning leisure, electronics consolidated in the balance housebuilding and laundry, sheet at a value of £5 million, wrote off £46.5 million of however, as a result of the goodwill, pushing gearing lev- goodwill write-off. els well beyond the 60 per cent analysts expected. Reduction to this level should occur if the company adheres to its policy 22.57p to 24.20p. A final of flotation, and directors have carmarked Cannon year payment to 8.5p. an Street Leisure, the hotel and eisme complex business, as

the next candidate.

dividend of 5.5p takes the fulf increase of 11.4 per cent.

Directors said the group diverse portiolio is expected Interest cover in 1990 is to provide sufficient strength expected to drop from 14 to maintain growth in times profit to about five earnings.

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Stuart makes way for Caradon team at MB

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

ONLY four months after becoming executive chairman make sense, with a reasonably MB's Stelrad group and should rise this year despite of MB Group at the age of 56, strong chief executive, to have integrating the US cheque the weak British market. Mr Murray Stuart, the former Metal Box chief executive, has announced that he will retire

early from the board in May. Mr Antony Hichens, former chairman of the Caradon bathroom fittings and building products group, which MB bought for £338 million last November, is to be nonexecutive chairman.

The move completes a transfer of control to former Caradon directors since Mr Peter Jansen, Caradon's chief executive, and Mr Daniel Cohen, its finance director, have already moved into these positions at MB.

an executive chairman," he

The move will, however, fuel City expectations that MB ucts group, shedding its check printing interests and the 25.5 per cent stake in CMB Packaging which stems from the merger of its original packag-

M Mr Jansen said he would not rush to sell the CMB stake, on which CGIP, the main French shareholder in CMB, has first option.

companies to cut costs.

But he said that if one of the companies he wanted to buy came on the market quick will become a building prod- action might have to be taken. In the transitional nine months to end-December, 1989, MB reported pre-tax profits of £80.1 million on turnover of £309 million, and ing operations with the French is paying a 6.4p dividend, equivalent to an annual 8.5p.

On a pro forma basis, the group, as now constituted, would have made £103 mil-lion pre-tax profit after notional interest of £20 million, Are already moved into these sitions at MB.

He added that before making strategic moves to increase ing strategic moves to increase ing products, £42.7 million from CMB and £24.6 mil departure was not due to any ucts, he planned to spend a from cheques. Mr Jansen said

 CMB Packaging, formed from a merger of Carnaud and MB Packaging in April last year, raised profits by 20 per cent on a pro forma basis to Ffr1.28 billion (£137 million) in the year to end-December on turnover up 18 per cent to Ffr18.1 billion. The full-year dividend is up 20 per cent to 5.4 francs gross. In the first quarter of 1990, turnover was Ffr5.3 billion (Ffr 5.1 billion) and operating profits of Ffr400 million showed an increased margin, MB investors, who held 16 per cent of CMB after the merger, have sold more than half.

Profits punctured at Kwik-Fit

KWIK-FIT Holdings, the 636 outlet tyres and exhausts group, merely broke even in Europe and suffered profits setbacks in Britain. It ended its February 28 financial year with pre-tax profits 18.1 per cent down at £15.1 million and the shares fell 11p to 69p.

Mr Tom Farmer, chairman and chief executive, said it was the first setback in 15 years, but in the first six weeks of the current year sales had been significantly higher and profitability had improved. Kwik-Fit is maintaining its

final dividend at 1.36p, payable June 15, and holding the year's payout at 2.40p.

Kwik-Fit ended its year with net borrowings of £43 million and a gearing level of 70 per cent, which it aims to reduce to less than 50 per cent by the end of this year.

It made a £3.54 million exceptional profit on the property sales and earned £602,000 in investment income. The previous comparable gain was £969,000. This was more than offset by interest charges of £4.89 million (£1.17 million).

Continental, the West German tyre manufacturer, still holds a 13 per cent stake but there have been no talks.

Kwik-Fit's turnover last year was £193.4 million (£157.4 million). Operating profits in Britain were £15.88 million (£17.13 million), while the impact of significant additional advertising training and reorganization costs in Europe helped knock the continent's contribution from a previous £1.52 million profit into a £10,000 operating loss.

Swraj Paul's private holding

company, Caparo Group, is

rewarding shareholders with

The surprise payout is in addition to a total dividend for 1989 of 3.1p, up 51 per

cent on the previous year's

2.05p, and was unveiled as the

group reported a 65 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £14.1

an extra "10th anniversary"

dividend of 0.5p a share.

Caparo shareholders

given birthday bonus

CAPARO Industries, the fast- cent to £220 million. Earnings



First setback: Tom Farmer, Kwik-Fit's chairman and chief executive, yesterday

Bid target Runciman forecasts rise of 34%

growing engineering concern 75 per cent owned by Mr 7.71p. The company gave warning, however, of a slowdown in sales growth in Britain this year due to the effects of against its Swedish predator, higher interest rates and Avena, with an unexpectedly dampened consumer spending on its industrial

This would be offset, however, by tighter cost control, a more aggressive export policy and further US expansion, Mr million on turnover up 49 per Paul said.

customers.

WALTER Runciman, the forecast 1990 pre-tax profits shipping and security equipment group resisting the second hostile bid in 18 months, has bolstered its defences

strong profits forecast. After hitting back at Avena's £47.8 million bid last month with a 38 per cent rise in 1989 pre-tax profits to £5.6 million, Runciman, a former

up by not less than 34 per cent to £7.5 million, giving a 20p dividend after earnings of 53p.

On such figures, Avena's 520p-a-share offer would represent an exit multiple of just 9.8 times - a figure that Mr Garry Runciman, chairman, dismissed as "ridiculously low." The average multiple in the UK shipping sector is 11.

Avena owns, or has accept-Telfos Holdings target, has ances for, 33.2 per cent.

Loss for words

READERS with long memo-ries will remember the virtual impossibility of keeping George Davies off a television screen, or away any other source of publicity. But David Jones, his successor at Next, and the man who engineered his removal, is a far more shy and retiring type. There were undignified scenes outside the Next press conference on Tuesday as Mr Jones refused interviews with no fewer than four TV crews there. In what was described by my infor-mant as "an intricatelyplanned and well-executed manoeuvre" a luckless public relations man was sent out of the front door of Founders' Hall as a decoy while a bashful Mr Jones made his escape out of the back, to be pursued by the cameras until he made his escape in a Bentley. The TV men were already angry that they had been shut out of the conference, apparently because their presence was thought to be disruptive. Why no interviews? "It's the company's view that they have comprehensive contact with the media, and the chief executive is always available," said a spokesman. Oddly enough, this attack shyness

Picking up

THE huge rise in company failures is awful news - unless you happen to be an accountant or lawyer paid to pick up

coincided with losses of £46.7

million at Next - I wonder, in

the time-honoured words, if the two could be related?



Tales of old Holborn CONCERNED shareholders firmly-held opinions. Its senti-

in Mrs Fields, the cookie mental value dates back to his company, might do well to keep an eye on its large store in Holborn — should the shutters go up, its problems are liable to run deep. The store is the Students Union. At that time to run deep. The store is the pride and joy of Randy Fields, the store was a greasy spoon husband of the lovely Mrs cafe where the young Mr Fields and known for his Fields regularly supped.

Marwick's senior UK corporate recovery (i.e. receivership) partner, tried hard - if not alfrom number three in the receivership stakes to number two behind Coopers Deloitte/ Cork Gully and ahead of

Grant Thornton. It just so

the pieces. Tim Hayward, Peat happened that Peat Marwick, apparently gearing up for its increased workload, is in the middle of moving into its ways successfully - to look spacious new offices in Salisbury Square off London's firm's survey finding of a doubling of receiverships in a year. Tactfully be a survey finding of a feet Street and, at the moment Mr Hayward was detail. year. Tactfully, he made little ing the bad news, hundreds of of Peat Marwick's own move brand-new office chairs were brand-new office chairs were waiting to enter the building.

days as a law graduate at the Polytechnic of Central Lon-

cafe where the young Mr

Food for fork

SOMETHING was missing yesterday at the lunchtime presentation of annual results for Barr and Wallace Arnold Trust, of Leeds. The family-run firm entertained analysts and press at Eastcheap's Watermen's Hall. More accustomed to dead things on sticks and rabbit food at such events, the party tucked into Northern helpings of stew with mushy peas. The company had wanted to serve steak-and-kidney pudding, but it was felt this would be too difficult to manage standing up. But the carpet took on a greener hue as the battle of the fork and pea was fought and

Potato riddle

in the potato futures market, Watson. The price of a tonne of spuds has shot ahead to more than £230, some £50 or £60 in excess of the normal level at this time of year, and suspicious fingers are being pointed towards the Continent. "There's a consortium in Holland and France which has ramped the Dutch market," says one observer. "It has also ramped the French market, and it now looks like it is doing the same thing here. The potato futures market is mainly used by small farmers as a means of bedging ahead and there are fears at the Baltic Futures Exchange that they could be driven out. "It's such a small market, and quite frankly, it is disintegrating," said one aggrieved investor. ◆ THE last time — in both

THERE are dark deeds afoot

senses of the words — I visited Corney & Barrow's restaurant in Moorgate, the service was hopeless, while conversation which might have whiled away the waiting hours was rendered impossible because of customers baying for the attention of the waitress (singular). Now tables at the Moorgate restaurant, and at its sister establishment at Cannon Street, are to be fitted with a service button to summons the waiter. "We don't always get it right, and the point of that service button is that when we get it wrong, we find out as soon as possible," says Christopher Brown, the company's charming managing director. We

Banker ruled unfit for trial

From A Correspondent

THE leading defendant in the most important and complex case in Manx legal history walked from court after being declared unfit to stand trial. Mr Victor Gray, aged 66, of Buckhurst Hill, Essex, was the owner of the Savings and Investment Bank which collansed in 1982 with debts of £42 million, leaving many of the 4,000 depositors penniless. Mr Thomas Field-Fisher QC, the acting Deemster, has spent three weeks hearing defence submissions to aban-

After considering a psychiatric report, he ruled Mr Gray would "have the greatest diffi-culty in defending himself, firstly on the basis of amnesia, and, secondly, and more worryingly, because of the fact

that he needs a change of medication for his illness." If he recovers he could stand trial on a fresh basis with a fresh jury or not at all, said Mr Field-Fisher.

Mr Stephen Solley QC, for Mr Gray, said his client was suffering a severe depressive illness, and could not remember many of the events leading up to the crash of the bank. Mr Gray, with seven others, faced a total of seven charges on 52 counts, including conspiracy to defraud, fal-sification of accounts and

fraudulent trading.

Mr Gray was bailed to appear next Tuesday at the Port Erin court for the prosecution to consider its position. The trial of the other even continues.

Hewden gives a warning over profits

HEWDEN Stuart, the Glasgow plant hire group, has given a warning that weak business conditions in the South of England, and lower customer spending in the merchandising division, could have an impact on this year's

For the year to end-January, group pre-tax profits rose from £28.3 million to £36.2 million on a turnover of £226.9 million (£201.2 million). The final dividend rises from 1.6p to 2p a share, making 2.75p (2.2p) for the

The year's interest charge was £4.56 million against £3.86 million and the group's gross cash flow was a record £67 million. Shareholders' funds have for the first time

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Double bind when land is on the slide

ot for a generation has the housing market been in such a state that companies have been forced to write down the value of their land stocks. What usually happens when land values become suspect is that the market dries up. Transactions take place only in distressed circumstances, and it can be argued that such sales are a poor guide to the market's real state. It is not. moreover, a false argument, because property dealers more than any other sector of the trading society can sniff out a distress sale just as surely as a pig finds

Companies holding land are able to talk themselves and their auditors into the view that although values in some places may have fallen, in the swingsand-roundabouts world of property, the overall value of the land bank is likely still to be higher than book value. Only when the fall in prices looks both severe and likely to be prolonged do companies consider write-downs of the kind seen among contractors this week.

In the instances of Costain and Amec, which reported yesterday, both com-panies can afford the write-downs without strain. Costain is totally open about the situation, writing down the value of the land stocks by £20 million. Amec is less direct, but wrote off more than £10 million. Although such writedowns affect the year's profits, they are no disaster, for when the market picks up and the land is used, they find their way right back into profits again.

The problem is not in the Amecs and the Costains, nor even in the likes of Walter Lawrence, which wrote its land down earlier this week, but in the smaller companies, without a contracting or a commercial property cushion, that are faced with the classic double bind: falling values and high carrying costs. The logical conclusion, which many companies reached in the crash of the seventies, is that as debt is inflated by rolled-up interest, land values fall. When the size of the former exceeds the value of the latter, the banks pull the

Meanwhile, the Bank of England's quarterly analysis of bank advances confirms the switch in the growth in lending from persons to companies. Within the corporate sector, lending continues buoyant.

In the three months to the end of February, lending to persons rose by just 2 per cent, as in the previous quarter. Within this, lending for house purchase rose by a modest 3 per cent and "other" lending by only 1 per cent.

The picture on commercial property lending continues to be very different. Lending by the business and other services sector rose by 8 per cent, within which lending to property companies

was also buoyant at 8 per cent more. with "other services" up 9 per cent. Much of the increased lending on property appears to be by Japanese and other foreign banks. The clearers may have put the shutters down, but given the long construction cycle on property, it takes more time to turn off the taps than in most other forms of lending.

More surprising was the strong rise in lending to manufacturers, which also jumped by 8 per cent - exceeding by far the previous quarter's rise of only 3 per cent. A small part of this was takeoverrelated, but much of it must presumably be distress borrowing by companies living beyond their means.

Borrowing by the financial sector also shows a big jump of 7 per cent, two thirds of it by the building societies. At least, with the housing market in its present state, demand from that quarter should begin to abate.

ADT's frustration

DT's envisaged £100 million A exchangeable preference issue has proved one marathon the market was not prepared to run — certainly not in the week before Easter.

The issue, scaled down to £75 million and with the exchangeable premium into BAA shares adjusted from an anticipated 16-19 per cent range to 14.9 per cent, still allows ADT to fund part of the carrying costs of holding a 9 per cent stake in BAA. But the smaller issue will have frustrated what plans Michael Ashcroft might have had of trying on such an exercise again, and using fresh funds to buy more BAA shares.

Bankers to the issue would have it that market circumstances dictated the alteration, which was made "with reluctance, but with realism." They would argue that the issue was never planned as an international deal in isolation. Others will not be so kind.

On the rack Stateside uggesting to British retailers that they should think twice before moving into the US is like advising lemmings to avoid high places. The argument that the US is the biggest market in the world palls in the light of the experiences of John Menzies, Pentos, Sock Shop and others from Britain, The latest to fall victim is Tie Rack, whose US business made a £1.2 million loss last year and where 14 of its 42 shops are not trading profitably. The division will not make a profit this year. Roy Bishko, chairman, says overheads and start-up costs were higher than expected but with Tie Rack's "unique. value for money" product the business will succeed where others have failed.

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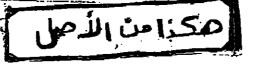
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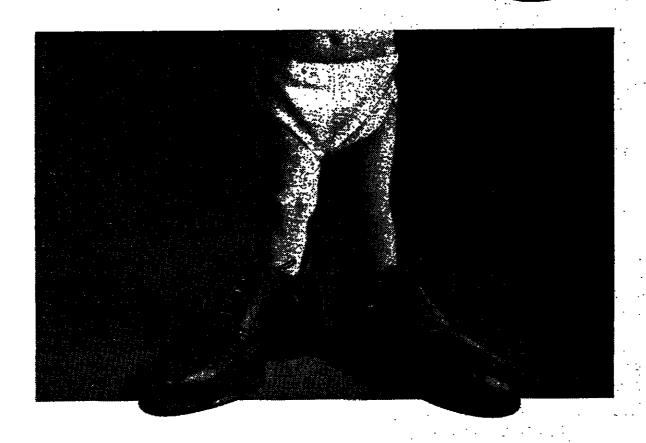


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Operating profit after interest grew by 20% to FF1,531 million, 7.2% of turnover compared to 7.0% in 1988.

Net profit before exceptional items and amortisation of goodwill has increased by 17% to FF947 million. Net margin on turnover

was 4.4%. Net profit attributable to shareholders, comprising the capital gains on the partial disposal of the CMB Steel Division, amounts to FF1,132 million and represents a net margin of 5.3% of turnover.

Despite the new shares issued, net earnings per share rose by 5.4% to FF13.6 (FF17.1 including the exceptional gain on the disposal of the CMB Steel Division representing an increase

of 32%).

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	1989 Pro forma 1988
Turnover	21,316 18,111 +18%
Operating profit % of turnover	2,084 1,689 +23% 9.8% 9.3%
Net profit attributable to shareholders % of turnover	1,132 775 +46% 5.3% 4.3%
Net income per share in FF	17.1 12.9 +32%
Proposed dividend per share in FF**	3.6 3.0 +20%

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Proudfoot profits rise 40% to £38m

THE ALEXANDER Proud-100t management consultancy lifted pre-tax profits by 40 per cent to £38.3 million in 1989 on turnover up 46.3 per cent to £143.4 million.

The profit increase reflects organic growth of 23 per cent and a contribution from Philip Crosby Associates, the Florida quality consultant, bought in March, 1989.

The final dividend is improved to 7.5p (3.5p), making 11.25p — up 104 per cent. Undiluted earnings per share climbed from 27.1p to 37.3p. while fully-diluted earnings rose from 25.4p to 34.6p.

Lord Stevens of Ludgate, the chairman, said the group continues to generate substantial cash surpluses in excess of has no net debt. The current year has started well, with trading substantially ahead of last year. The shares firmed by 10p to 305p on the news.

Waterford gain

Waterford Foods, the Irish dairy food group which is quoted on the USM, reports a 41.3 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to IR£11.3 million (£11 million) for 1989 on turnover up 17 per cent to IR£278.9 million. Earnings per share rose 23 per cent to Ir7.62p. There is a final dividend of Ir 1.35p per A ordinary share, making 1r2.35p (1r0.525p). The final dividend on the B is 1r0.525p, making Ir0.525p (none last time).

Nurdin up 8%

The Nurdin & Peacock cashand-carry wholesaler reported pre-tax profits of £22.6 million for 1989, 8.4 per cent up. Turnover expanded to £1.13 billion (£1.02 billion). Earnings per share rose from 11.3p to 12.5p and a final dividend of 2.92p makes 4.6p (4p). The shares slipped 4p to 145p on

Touche chief

Mr John Roques is to become managing partner and chief executive of Touche Ross from next Monday Mr Michael Blackburn becomes chairman of the board of partners. Mr John Connolly succeeds Mr Roques as partner in charge of the London and southern offices.

£130m project

Ford Sellar Morris Properties and the Berisford Property Group have established a joint venture to build a £130 million office development in Western Avenue, north-west London, on the London-to-Oxford route. The 10.5 acre for £16 million.

Plan dropped

Tranwood, the USM financial services company headed by Mr Peter Earl, has dropped last December's plans for a corporate reconstruction. Tranwood's shares have fallen in value by 45 per cent since the plan was announced, when they were trading at about 43p. The shares firmed by 3p to 26½p on the news.

Bond Corp falls £352.6m into red at half time

BOND Corporation Holdings, the linchpin of Mr Alan Bond's flagging empire, has reported an interim net loss of Aus\$758.15 million (£352.6 million), against an Aus\$152.78 million profit last time, and confirmed it has debts of Aus\$6.67 billion.

There is no interim dividend, compared with 8 cents last time, on a 180-cent loss per share, against earnings of 32.8 cents. Sales revenue fell to Aus\$3.75 billion (Aus\$4.81

The loss, rivalled in size only by the record Aus\$862.5 million interim loss reported last month by Bell Resources Limited, its 58 per cent-owned subsidiary, stacks up against Bond Corp's 1988-89 full-year loss of Aus\$814.1 million, and stands as Australia's thirdbiggest corporate loss.

Bond Corp's loss, was caused by huge write-downs of the carrying value of its assets, chiefly an Aus\$404.1 million provision for the value of its 52 per cent interest in Bond Media, onwer of Australia's the Aus\$500 million damages National Network Nine television station.

the Aus\$500 million damages claim Bond Corp has filed against the West Australian

Bond Corp's other listed subsidiaries also reported results yesterday. Bell Group posted a loss of Aus\$124.92 million, while JN Taylor Holdings lost Aus\$17.26 million in the six months to end-



Bond: third-biggest loss

debt level stood at Aus\$7.35 billion at December 31. This has since been reduced to Aus\$6.67 billion. During the reporting period, asset sales of Aus\$1.62 billion cut debt by Aus\$722.8 million.

The end-of-year figure did not include the sale of its stake in Compania de Teléfonos de Chile, the Chifley Square property site in Sydney, and the proposed sale of its brewing assets to BRL.

No provision was made for State Government Insurance Commission over the ill-fated Kwinana Petrochemical deal.

In addition, the result did not account for damages it hopes to be paid as a result of lion in the six months to end-December. Bond Corp said its sequent overruling of that

manager to Bond Brewing Holdings, its brewing arm. The Full Bench of the Victorian Supreme Court overruled the appointment, but said Bond Corp could not claim damages.

Bond Corp is disputing that part of the ruling in the High Court of Australia.

Other write-downs included Aus\$77.4 million on property, Aus\$42 million on the value of radio licences held by Bond Media, a net loss of Aus\$11.2 million on the sale of its petroleum interests, and pro-visions of Aus\$50.6 million against the carrying value of petroleum exploration expen-

The Aus\$758.2 million operating loss, was struck on operating revenue of Aus\$3.9

The loss figure compares with Bond Corp's Aus\$152.8 million profit for the six to end-December,

Interest paid on its debt during the period was Aus\$548 million.

Bond Corp said it might be required to make a substantial provision against the value of G Heileman Brewing, its US brewer, at year-end. G Heil-eman's book value is Aus\$532.5 million.

Directors will not make a provision for the loss on its investment in British Satellite Broadcasting Limited (BSB).



Bentalls slides below £4m as slump in housing bites

BENTALLS, the chain of department stores, has become the latest retailer to succumb to a depressed housing market and slackened consumer spending, especially in the South-east, where its shops are located.

Pre-tax profits for last year slipped from £4.8 million to £3.86 million on turnover down from £74.7 million to £71.9 million, mainly as a result of a 7.5 per cent sales slump in its household appliopen this July. ances, electricals, carpets and

furniture departments. Earnings per share fell from 7.24p to 5.59p, but the board

has raised the total dividend by 10 per cent to 3.85p (3.5p) in recognition of the asset "substantial surplus." value of its 100-store shopping

centre being built in Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. Bentalls will own 23.59 per predicted a gloomy 1990. cent of the new centre, with Woolwich Union, its builder,

owning the balance. The centre is due to open in September, 1992, but Bentalls' new wholly-owned department store on the site will

The group, which has not had its properties valued since 1965, is to proceed with an

Edward Bentall, the chairman, said this would result in a But despite continued ef-

forts to cut costs, down by 7 per cent last year, Mr Bentall He said: "The combination

of the new uniform business rate, continued high interest rates and a cautious Budget leaves little room for op-timism for the current year."

Bentalls said the uniform business rate would result in a 27 per cent rise in rates, shaving about £300,000 off pre-tax profits in the current

Connell profit nearly halved

By Our City Staff

CONNELL, the estate agent, has emerged from the year to end-December with a pre-tax profit of £4.4 million, down from £8.7 million last time.

The total dividend is maintained at 9p a share for the year, out of earnings down from 26.84p to 11.88p. Commissions and fees fell from £36.2 million to £31.2 million. The board claimed a record contribution from the commercial division and a

residential operations than other estate agents.
On prospects, Connell said that an improvement at the half year, over last time, is expected.

better performance from the

In the residential division, Connell says there was "some improvement in market activity at the beginning of the current year, reflecting both unsatisfied demand following the recession and the part closing of the affordability gap" between falling house prices and rising incomes. This, it predicted, will bring the first-time buyer back into the market. The shares fell 5p to 160p.

Victaulic buy

VICTAULIC has acquired the engineering products division of the Parkfield Group for £9.3 million – £7.4 million in ordinary shares and £1.9 million in cash. Lazard Brothers has agreed to place or underwrite the 1.97 million shares, which will represent 9.1 per cent of the enlarged capital.

Surge in profits at

By Philip Pangalos

SYSTEMS Reliability Holdings, the acquisitive computer dealing and telephone systems group, has revealed a surge in pre-tax profits to £7 86 million in the year to end-December. against a restated £1.36 mil-

acquisitions, restructuring and organic growth.

final dividend is improved to 1.5p (1p), making 2.25p for

quisitions, soared from £24.1 million to £134.6 million. Interest payments rose from £212,000 to £1.36 million. Gearing is about 40 per cent.

Mr Robert Evans, who be-came head of SRH in late 1988 and has since turned it round, said that margins had improved, helped by the mix of products being sold.

The personal computer division contributed £3.14 million to operating profits, on turnover of £50.6 million. As reported in The Times last month, SRH plans to dispose of the Corporate Computers

WILLIAM SINDALL (Fin) Pro-tax: £2,48m (£2,66m) EPS: 23,56p (28,42p) Div: 4,5p, mkg 6p (5p)

MUSTERLIN GROUP (Fin) Pro-tax: £0.38m (£1.12m) EPS: 0.16p (11.92p) Div: 1p, mkg 2.25p (4p)

PETROCON GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.30m (£0.45m) EPS: 4.74p (1.94p) Div: 0.75p, mkg 1.25p TUDOR (Fin) Pre-tax: £0.38m (£0.65m)

EPS: 5.94p (7.30p) Div: 1.7p, mkg 2.7p PARAMBE (Fin)
Pre-tex: £0.13m (£0.17m) EPS: 1.64p (1.81p) Div: 1p, mkg 1.5p (1.5p)

Turnover climbed by 12 per cent to £67 5m. There is an exceptional debit of £1.33m. Rental income

No dividend last year. Turnover increased by 10 per cent to £9.1m. The group's net cash position improved from £2.7m to £5.2m.

Systems

lion last time. The results benefited from

Earnings per share jumped from 3.32p to 12.76p. The the year, up from 1p.

Turnover, boosted by ac-

dealerships business

COMPANY BRIEFS

increased by 21 per cent to £1.18m.

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Net asset value up 20.2 per cent to 82.2p a share. Increased investment income offset by fall in art-dealing income and higher interest costs.

Interest costs rose by £448.000 to £714,000. A primary objective is to reduce overheads and the level of group borrowings.

Last year's total dividend was 2.67p. Turnover stipped from £12.5m to £11.8m. Trading is still being affected by high interest rates.

General Accident

Financial Highlights 1989

- Shareholders' funds up 32% to a record £2,552m
- Pre-tax profits of £147.0m despite the impact of Hurricane Hugo and other major catastrophe losses (1988: £294.lm)
- Investment earnings up 31% to £462.7m
- Life profits substantially higher at £26.9m
- Net assets per share up from 915p to 1198p
- Earnings per share 65.3p (1988: 107.6p)
- Total dividend up 13.6% to 50.0p per share
- General premium income up 21% to £3,100m
- Life premium income up 30% to £38lm

66 The new decade promises a period of significant change, which will affect many of the markets in which we operate. Our strategies and structures are accordingly under comprehensive review, to support further profitable advancement based on the considerable financial strength of the Corporation. ?? **NELSON ROBERTSON,** CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER

who retired as Chief General Manager of General Accident on 31st December 1989. Lord Airlie says: "Over a period of more than eight years under Mr Marshall's leadership, the Corporation achieved outstanding business development and financial growth." Mr W. N. Robertson has been appointed Chief General Manager in succession to Mr Marshall. The Chairman also welcomes Mr Barrie

Referring to the Board's policy of dividend progression, Lord Airlie says this takes into account not only the earnings fluctuations experienced in the composite insurance market but also the Corporation's sinancial strength and the underlying quality of its insurance portfolios.

Holder to the Board. Mr Holder was

appointed a Director and General

Manager of the Corporation on 1st

April 1990.

In his Annual Statement to share-

holders, the Chairman, The Earl of

Airlie, pays tribute to Mr B. C. Marshall,

Lord Airlie concludes his Statement on a confident note: "Despite more difficult market conditions, and the occurrence of further storm losses this year, the Corporation is, with its strong financial base, well placed to face the future with confidence."

In his Operational Review for 1989, Mr Nelson Robertson, Chief General Manager, says that adherence to a disciplined yet responsive approach to underwriting has enabled Ceneral Accident to absorb adverse developments in the UK market without a serious effect on overall performance. This approach will continue within a strategy designed to achieve profitable growth whilst maintaining high standards of customer service.

Mr Robertson also sees signs for encouragement overseas. Ceneral Accident has again outperformed the market in both North America and the increasingly important Pacific region. And with new branch offices planned for Portugal and Spain it will be established in all the principal European Community markets.

Life operations had a good year, Mr Robertson says, with increased bonus declarations ensuring that General Accident policyholders continue to share in the prosperity and strength of its Life fund. Estate agency operations, on the other hand, had a very difficult year, although they continue to produce a substantial volume of new life assurance business.

Mr Robertson concludes on a cautious but confident note. The prospects for early underwriting improvement are uncertain but the Corporation remains well placed to benefit from any upturn in the market, he says.

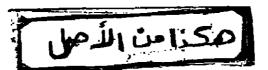


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Canada	533.7	-0.8	-11.1	-0.1	-9.0	-0.2	-9.4
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ML Laboratories lifted by hopes of Aids treatment

the Third Market medical products group, climbed 30p to 328p in a thin market after the group it announced the discovery of what could be a

treatment for Aids. ML entered a collaborative research agreement with the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Chester Beatty Research and the Institute of Cancer Research last October to develop a number of modified sugar polymers to treat infections, including Aids. This news sent Wellcome, which has deveioped Retrovir, the only approved treatment to date,

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sliding 10p to 705p. But Mr Jonathan de Pass, a pharmaceuticals analyst at Barciays de Zoete Wedd, is sceptical. He said: "It is too early. This compound now joins a list of 75 others being tested. Testing in a tube is no guarantee that testing on humans will be successful." He believes that Welkome

will continue to lead the fight against Aids for some time and he added: "There are so many hurdles to go. I do not think anyone can read anything into it yet for Wellcome."

The rest of the equity market started to wind down ahead of the extended weekend break with prices drifting on lack of support and turn-over at a low ebb. Some 311 million shares were traded. The FT-SE 100 index fluctuated in narrow limits before ending 2.0 down at 2,215.5, while the FT index of 30 shares edged up by 0.8 to 1.733.3.

achieved gains of £4, helped by a firmer bond market in £91.3 million in 1989.

West Germany.

Costain touched 2200 after

Among the leaders, Cable and Wireless rose 13p to 516p, lifted by US buying of the ADRs, while Cadbury Schweppes jumped 10p to 329p with market-makers reluctant to make an offer price after evidence of American support for the shares. register. Trafalgar House Polly Peck also advanced 11p eased 2p to 318p. to 405p as its round of visits to brokers continued.

Another drop in the oil price on world markets put the £25 million to £26.5 million. skids under the producers. The group recently fought off Dealers say that much of the a £160 million bid from YJ fall has been contrived by Lovell, In cheaper at 222p.

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price 2p lower at 199p.

BAA fell 3p to 38 ip after ADT, the security-to-car auc-

tion group headed by Mr Michael Ashcroft, decided to

scale down its proposed pref-

erence share issue from £100

million to £75 million. The

issue is designed to offset the

financing costs of ADT's 9 per

financial services group, fell 3p to a low of 89p amid

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profits last month fell from

Dealers now fear a cut in the

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some Opec members ahead of the organization's meeting next month. But they gave a glia Secure Homes, 15p to warning that prices may fall further. BP lost 2½p to 314½p, Shell 3p to 445p, Enterprise 2p to 605p, Lasmo 9½p to 585½p and Ultramar 2p to 352p 83p, Berkeley, 2p to 165p, Countryside Properties, 16p to 201p, J Crosby, 5p to 78p, McCarthy & Stone, 4p to 56p, 8p to 352p.

The building and construction sectors remained under a cloud, hit by another bout of disappointing trading news.

Land Securities closed below its best with a rise of 5p to 508p. Kleinwort Benson, the broker, believes the shares should be sold. It expects growth in the asset value to be sluggish during the next comple of years because of the group's exposure to the retailing and City office

Amec fell 7p to 413p, after 410p, as Mr Alan Cockshaw, the chairman, issued a warning that construction volumes would be "significantly less" Government securities this time. Amer lifted its pre-

> announcing a larger-than-expected drop in full-year pre-tax profits, from £89.2 million to £55.1 million. But it later bounced back to finish 1p firmer at 247p after learning that rival Trafalgar House had been found on the share

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also lost ground, dipping 3p to 947p despite claims this week that it had found a buyer for its 'rest hotels chain which is expected to fetch up to £400 Laing Properties firmed 1p to 722p after the group de-cided to recommend the offer of 725p a share from Pall Mail. At the last count, Pall Mail had 45 per cent of the equity. The battle for control of

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Newcastle, 1p to 296p, after 298p, Guinness, 2p to 647p

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Falls were seen in Allied-

Laing also lifted the rest of the property sector. Priest Marians, the debt-laden property group, rebounded 25p to 250p, after touching 270p, with the speculators hoping that Grovewood Securities, a Persimmon, 7p to 148p, Tay Homes, 10p to 93p, and Tilbury, 13p to 608p.
Tesco cheered the market 20 per cent shareholder, unchanged at 170p, will evenwith full-year figures showing tually launch an agreed bid of pre-tax profits 31 per cent higher at £362 million. The about 320p a share. JMB Realty, the Chicago property group, continues to hold 25 final figure was boosted by the sales of properties, totalling £35 million, but underlying growth was still better than per cent of Priest Marians.

Takeover favourit Hammerson jumped 17p expected. Profit-taking left the 815p with the A 19p better 767p, ahead of figures soot BZW rates the shares as a buy attracted by its strong overses property portfolio which unaffected by the downturn i the British market.

Rises were also seen Greycoat Properties, 6p to 441p, MEPC, 8p to 523p McKay Securities, 15p to 155p, Mountleigh, 4p to 153p Regalian, 3p to 76p and Ul Land, 10p to 400p.

Tie Rack added to th gloom in the high street b announcing a drop in profit from £3.1 million to £1. million after further losses i £5.8 million to £5 million with the US. The news was no entirely unexpected and th price held steady at 35p. Bu French Connection tumble cent holding in BAA. There are now doubts about whether 9p to 43p after diving deep into the red with losses of £4. ADT intends to raise its million against a deficit las time of £1 million. Bentalk holding in the company to 15 per cent, the maximum permitted. ADT firmed ½p to the department store group fell 12p to 149p after a million drop in profits to £3. The drinks sector lost an

early lead following the latest beer production figures, show- Michael Clark				
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WALL STREET

Dow ahead despite losses in oil shares

New York THE Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by 8 points to 2,739.08 in early trading

while, in the main market, rising issues had a small lead over falls. Light futures related buying helped the Dow average to absorb losses in oil shares and move higher. Trading was light. Oil shares slipped as world

crude prices continued to fall. Mobil was down % to 60, Chevron was off 1% at 66%, Texaco fell % to 57%, Exxon was down ¼ to 45% and USX was off 1/2 at 34%. Futures traders said that some of the buying in cash stocks was started by a recovery in bonds.

Takya — The Nikkei index slid 184.40 points, or 0.62 per cent, to 29,440.28. The index moved in a range of about 660 points, clawing its way above 30,000 periodically in the morning. It climbed by as many as 378 points in the late morning but fell back by as many as 284.50 in the afternoon on yen-weakness and

Shares closed down but off their lows in thin dealings as a

dollar in the afternoon rattled perves and triggered selling.

Turnover was a modest 500 million shares against 550 million. Afternoon fluctuations were also attributed to options expirations today. There was a tug-of-war hetween different options strategies which pushed down prices and then boosted them

towards the close. • Hong Kong - The Hang Seng index gained 17.65 to 2,959.98 while the broaderbased Hong Kong index rose 11.49 to 1,945.89. Prices closed firmer, but brokers said there was little interest.

• Singapore - The Straits Times industrial index recovered another 12.91 points to 1.522,51. Prices closed firm as increased buying in the afternoon and bargain-hunting brought widespread gains. • Frankfurt - The DAX index closed 4.74 lower at 1,893.77 after rising as high as 1,907.89. Shares closed mixed

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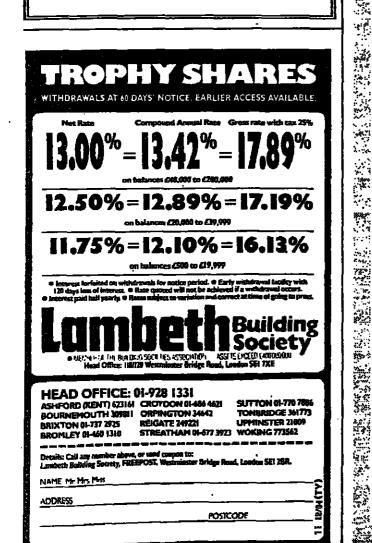
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Brixton Estate

International investors in commercial property

ANNUAL RESULTS 1989

	1989 £000's	1988 £800's
Net Rental Income	35,705	29,232
Profit before Taxation	20,427	16,157
Earnings per Share	9.45p	7.41p
Net Asset Value per Share	279p	239p
Value of investment Properties	£711m	£589m
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- □ 22.1% increase in net rental income.
- ☐ 26.4% increase in profit before tax.
- ☐ 17.0% increase in net asset value per share.
- ☐ Final dividend of 3.90p per Ordinary Share proposed, making a total dividend for the year of 6.10p per share an increase of 25.1%.
- ☐ Valuation surplus on completed and let properties -£64 million.



Brixton

N.V. Gemeenschappelijk Bezit van Aandeelen Philips' Gloeilampenfabrieken (Philips Lamps Holding) Eindhoven, The Netherlands.

At the ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held on 10th April 1990, the dividend for the financial year ended 31st December 1989, was declared at Hft. 2,00 per Ordinary Share of Hfl. 10,00 nominal value. On 4th January 1990 an interim dividend of Hfl. 0,60 has already been made payable. It was decided that shares will be distributed (at the charge of Share-Premium Account) at the rate of one new Ordinary Share of Hfl. 10,00 for every 25 shares of Hfl. 10,00 nominal value held, unless the shareholder shall have opted for payment of the final dividend in cash amounting to Hfl. 1,40 per Ordinary Share before or on 22nd June.

The new shares will participate in full in the results of the year 1990 and thereafter.

The distribution in shares is not subject to the Netherlands Dividend/Income Tax or United

The above-mentioned final dividend in shares or in cash will be payable as of 25th April 1990 by the company's paying agent, Hill Samuel Bank Ltd., 45 Beech Street, London EC2P 2LX to the UK-CF depositaries in accordance with their positions in the books of CF Amsterdam on 10th April 1990 at the close of business.

The new shares will become available as from 25th April 1990, in the United Kingdom in the form of UK-CF Certificates at the office of Hill Samuel Bank Ltd. for UK-CF depositaries only against transfer of CF rights.

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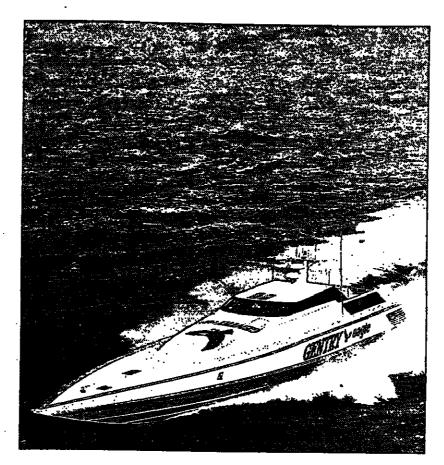
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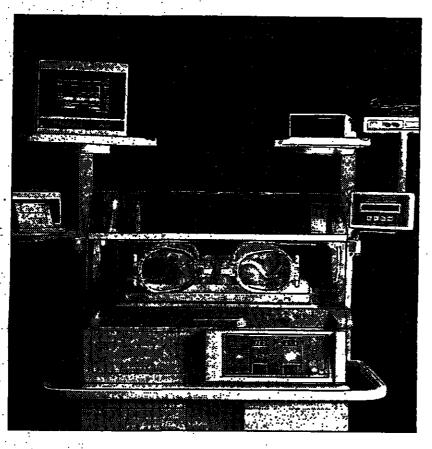
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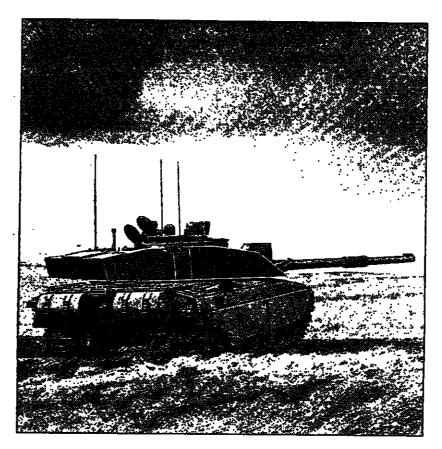
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intentionally Draconian provisions of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986, to deprive drug traffickers of their 22 drug traffickers of their ill-gotten gains, and which had caused trouble to courts up and down the country, were consid-ered by the Court of Appal in a evidential burdens were cast on and the amount of such benefit. reserved judgment when him of a kind which were to say dismissing an appeal against a the least, unusual in the area of confiscation order for £129,300.

The appeal against sentence of four years imprisonment and the compensation order was brought by David Dickens, now aged 37, who was convicted on August 2, 1988 at Maidstone Crown Court (Judge Lownie and a jury) of conspiring to import 27.4kg of cannabis resin. Mr Stephen Riordan, as-signed by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr David P. Fisher for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUS-TICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the jury were satisfied that the appellant had been partly responsible for the organization of the importation. It was clearly a case raising the possibility that a confiscation order might be appropriate.

The hearing was adjourned and eventually, in November 1988, the prosecution called evidence in support of statements they had filed and evidence was called to support the appellant's case contesting the prosecution's statements. The judge found that various

items valued at £303,432 were the proceeds of drug trafficking but he also found that the amount to be included in the confiscation order as the the time of the confiscation order was £129,300.

The grounds of appeal advanced by Mr Riordan raised a number of points under the Act which had caused trouble to enough for him to form such a be incorrect in the defendant's courts up and down the country. preliminary assessment.

the time of conviction were likely to be particularly within the defendant's knowledge, it the criminal law; and that, despite the fact that the confiscation order and the penalties for failing to comply with

The sequence of events as appeared from the Act was: The defendant appeared before the crown court for sentence, having been convicted in respect of a drug trafficking offence. Under section 1(4) the judge had then to decide whether or not to pass sentence

nediately in the usual way. If it was a case where the defendant might have benefited from drug trafficking, sentence had to be postponed until after the necessary inquiries and determination had been made. They were threefold: (a)

whether he had benefited from drug trafficking (section 1(2)); (b) the extent to which he had benefited (section 1(4)); (c) the ordered to pay (section 1(5)(a)).

2 The court determined, in accordance with section 2, the amount which represented the benefit he had received from drug trafficking. 3 The court determined the

amount that the defendant was to be ordered to pay in acpreliminary assessment as to whether it was, or was likely to be, a "benefit" case or not. No doubt the evidence from the trial, if there had been one, or from a recital of the facts if there had been a plea, would be

particular offences on which he stood convicted - again an unusual feature of the Act.

The prosecution had the task under section 1(3) and section 2(1)(a) and (b) of proving both the fact that the defendant had In their Lordships' judgment, the context of the Act and the nature of the penalties which

were likely to be imposed, made it clear that the standard of proof required was the criminal andard, namely, proof so that the judge felt sure, or proof The evidence on which that judgment was based would

come in part from the trial, if there had been one, in part from any statements tendered by the parties to the court under tion 3 and in part from evidence adduced before the court.

What might thus seem at first sight to be a heavy burden on the prosecution was consid-erably lightened by the provisions of section 2(2) and (3)(a), (b) and (c). The words in section 2(3) that

one assumption was "(a) that any property appearing to the court" meant, in their Lord-ships' judgment, that, if there was prima facie evidence that any property had been held by the defendant since his conviction, or was transferred to him since the beginning of the relevant period, the judge could make the assumption that it was a payment or reward in connection with his drug trafficking.

Likewise with expenditure: ordance with section 4. once there was prima facie
Thus, the judge had to make a evidence of expenditure by the fenant since the beginning of the relevant period, the judge could assume that it was met out of payments received by him from drug trafficking. Those assumptions could be

Regina v Dickens

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief
Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief
Justice, Mr Justice Roch and Mr
Justice Judge

Justice Judge

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case, then came the task of deciding the three questions ance of probabilities that in any of its contents, had to called evidence of a man to proceeds accruing from the appellant that the appellant and expenditure the assumpand expenditure the assumptions were in his case incorrect, The The judge then heard the they could no longer be relied on as evidence that that item or

of drug trafficking.

3 went a little way towards simplifying proceedings and crystallizing the issues. It provided that the prosecu-

tion could tender a statement

dealing with any matter relevant

to either of the first two issues and also provided, no doubt by way of clarification, that if the

facts, that acceptance could be

By section 3(4) a similar provision was made with regard

to any statement tendered by the defendant relating to the

amount which might be realized

Section 3(2) imposed restric-

tions on the defendant when he

had been served with a copy of the prosecution's section 3(1)

then require him to indicate to what extent he accepted the

prosecution allegations and if he did not, to indicate any matter

on which he proposed to rely.

That would have the effect, one hoped, of containing the

ambit of the inquiry. Section

3(3) imposed sanctions on him

if he failed to comply with a requirement under section 3(2).

It was clear from those pro-

visions that, where the prosecu-

at the time the confiscation

dant accepted any of those

reached his conclusion (1) as to whether the defendant had property or expenditure was part of the defendant's proceeds successfully rebutted any provisional assumptions under sec-In so far as any of the tion 2; (2) as to the existence of assumptions survived they would, together with any eviany benefit from drug trafficking, and (3) as to the value of dence which the judge might accept, assist the judge to decide whether he was satisfied so as to That, however, was not the

end of the matter. Section 4(1) provided that "subject to subsection (3) below. feel sure that the prosecution had made out their case. Thus the amount to be recovered in the initial heavy burden on the prosecution was greatly light-ened by the potential the defendant's case under the confiscation order shall be the amount the crown court asse The hearing in a complicated to be the value of the defencase was likely to be protracted and difficult. However, section dant's proceeds of drug

trafficking."
Subsection (3) provided: "If the court is satisfied that the amount that might be realized at is made is less than the amount the court assesses to be the value of his proceeds of drug traffick-ing, the amount to be recovered in the defendant's case under the confiscation order shall be the amount appearing to the court to be the amount that might be so realized."

Thus, although the two ex-ercises might overlap, where the court was satisfied that the amount that might be realized was less than the value of the proceeds of drug trafficking the court had then to carry out a further exercise to determine what was the "amount appearing to the court to be the amount that might be realized".

If that amount was less than the proceeds of drug trafficking, as found, the lower sum would be the subject of the confiscation

It was by no means always "amount that might be realized"

One ground of appeal was that the judge, when calculating the amount of the confiscation order, wrongly included prop-erty which by the time the order failed to show that the assump-Recouping liquidator's costs

Before Mr Justice Millett

A liquidator was not entitled to an order that he be recouped out

of the company's assets subject to a valid floating charge in respect of the costs which he had

ansuccessful attempt to set aside

the floating charge, or in respect

the Chancery Division on an application by the liquidator of

Mr Justice Millett so held in

Mr Geoffrey Vos for the

liquidator: Mr Anthony Mann, for National Westminster Bank

pic, the holder of the floating

MR JUSTICE MILLETT said that M. C. Bacon Ltd went

into creditors' voluntary liqui-

dation on August 14, 1987, with an estimated deficiency of

£329,435, and an overdraft owed to the National West-

cured by a floating charge dated May 20, 1987.

On September 4, 1987, the bank demanded payment and appointed an administrative re-

ceiver. At a creditors' meeting

on September 7, 1987, a liq-nidator was appointed, who on September 28 instituted

proceedings seeking (i) to have the bank's security set aside (a) under section 239 of the Insol-

vency Act 1986 as a voidable

preference, or (b) as a trans-action at an undervalue, and (ii)

a declaration under section 214 that the bank was liable to make

a substantial contribution to the company's assets on the ground

Bank of £235,530, se-

en ordered to pay on an

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of his own costs.

M. C. Bacon Ltd.

tion made by the judge was incorrect. The sum paid for the vehicle by the appellant was part of his proceeds from drug trafficking. The next question was owned two vessels which were lying in a port in southern Spain and had shown the man photo-

in any such boats.

Their Lordships did not ac-

cept that suggestion. There was

evidence on which the judge could conclude as he had,

namely, that the evidence he had heard satisfied him that

those boats were held by the

appellant at the material time

and consequently their value had to be included both in the

proceeds of drug trafficking and

in the amount that might be realized at the time of the

Another challenged item was Range Rover vehicle. There

was no doubt that it was bought

by the appellant since the begin-

However, it seemed that it was given by the appellant to his

solicitor in Liverpool who migh

have bought it in good faith and

The Range Rover was part of

nnection with drug trafficking

carried on by him, except to the

shown to be incorrect (section

The judge rejected the evi-

dence of the appellant and his wife on that aspect of the matter,

confiscation order.

whether the value of the vehicle should have been included in the confiscation order. Under graphs of them. The appellant denied that he had any interest section 1(5) the court had a duty to order a defendant to pay the amount that the court had determined in accordance with Mr Riordan suggested that the prosecution should have made further inquiries as to the exissection 4. Section 4(3) provided that, tence or non-existence of those

where the amount that might be boats and that, in the absence of realized at the time of the such inquiries, the burden of disproving the alleged connection no longer rested on the defendant. confiscation order was less than the amount a court had assessed to be the value of the proceeds of drug trafficking, the amount to be recovered in the appellant's case under the confiscation order "shall be the amount appearing to the court to be the amount that might be so

> The amount that might be realized was defined in section 5(3): "For the purposes of sections 3 and 4, the amount that might be realized at the time a confiscation order is inst the defer (a) the total of the values at that time of all the realizable proptogether with the total of the values at the time of all gifts caught by this Arg."

Thus, it was the value of the wife who sold it on, and that the vehicle was now owned by a gifts and not the gifts themselves to which section 5(3) applied. Section 5(4), so far as relevant, provided: "Subject to the following provisions of this section, for the purposes of this Act the value of property (other than cash) in relation to any person holding the property ...

(b) is its market value." drug trafficking" by virtue of section 2(3)(b); that is, "any expenditure of his since the beginning of the period" was assumed to be met out of payments received by him in connection with drug refficience.

Section 5(9) provided: "A gift (including a gift made before the this Act) is caught by this Act if
- (a) it was made by the lant at any time since the beginning of the period of six years ending when the proceed-ings were instituted against him, or (b) it was made by the gift of property - (i) received by

indirectly represented in the defendant's hands, property received by him in

The gift of the Range Rover y the appellant to his wife was by the app caught by subsection (9)(a) and also, probably, subsection (9)(b)(i). The Range Roter was

thus a gift caught by the Act. Under section 5(3) its value at the time the confiscation order was made was to be part of the amount that might be realized in a confiscation order made

against the appellant. Its market value at that time on the evidence before the trial judge, was £15,000, which was the sum included in the confiscation order.

Section 5(1) defined "realizable property". Section 38(2) provided that the expression realizable property" fell to be construed in accordance with

The Range Rover did not come within the definition of "reslizable property," if the solicitor who now apparently owned it had paid a proper consideration for it. consideration for it. Consocration for it.

However, the definition of realizable property" did not appear in section 4 and, in particular, did not appear in section 4(3). If Parliament had wished the confiscation order to be confiscation to the desired.

be confined to the defendant's realizable property, as defined, then it would undoubtedly have said so in section 4(3), which it Their Lordships had no doubt that that was deliberate and was

designed to ensure that drug traffickers could not protect the assets they had acquired through drug trafficking by "giving" those assets to others. The judge came to the right conclusion with regard to the value of the Range Rover. He came to the right decision on the evidence before him as to the proper amount of the confisca-Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs

Neither claim could have

been made by the company itself. The proceedings failed to recover anything. The expenses

of realizing and getting in assets did not include the costs of an

an asset. The costs of realizing

the assets were a first charge

upon the assets realized. It followed that rule 4.218(1)(a)

The liquidator claimed that section 115 conferred on him an

independent statutory right to pay the costs out of the assets of

was merely a priority section.

The court had no jurisdiction

to make the order sought by the liquidator. It had no inherent power to interfere with the rights of a secured creditor.

ment of costs "out of the ass

of the company" meant "out of the assets available for distribu-

An order authorizing pay-

tion to the general body of

an order that they be recouped,

far as his Lordship was aware, been sought which would re-

as was here sought.
An order had never before, so

the company, as expenses grop-erly incurred but no such right was confessed by that section; it

could have no application.

sful attempt to recover

Regulations need not be sacrosanct

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Simon [Judgment March 28]

The court in exercising its discretion in public law cases had to strike a balance between the need to serve the long term public interest in protecting the integrity of decisions such as those of school governors and the danger of treating regula-tions and their observance as sacrosance where there might be a countervailing public interest. The Queen's Bench Di-

risional Court so held when refusing to grant the applicants. the Inner London Education Authority and Southwark London Borough Council, ju-dicial review of the decision of the governors of John Bacon Comprehensive School by which they determined to close the school on its existing site and move it to new premises in Docklands as a city technology

college (CTC).
The grant-aided John Bacon school had declining school rolls, rapidly decaying buildings and resources which were viewed as insufficient to meet the needs of the new curriculum. It was recognized by all parties that a move was nec-essary and one group favoured the closure of the existing school a move to Docklands an independent school set up by sponsors and the Department of Education and Science under the Education Act 1988.

Crittenden v Crittenden

[Judgment April 9]

Before Lord Justice Dillon and

"Property" in section 37(2)(a) of

the Matrimonias Canal 1973 did not mean any propthe Matrimonial Causes Act

erty, but only property in which one or other of the parties to the marriage had a beneficial in-terest, and "deal with" was a

Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce

Bacon School, Ex Parte Inner Diocesan Board of Education London Education Authority and the Sir Philip and Lady Harris Trust, both anxious to see the new CTC open in eptember 1991. ILEA and Southwark (which

was to take on the former's powers and duties following its extinction on April 1) had an alternative proposal involving a move to another school, the Scott Lidgett, which was to clos but had capacity for 1,200

On June 24 a meeting of the governers of the school was held. One of the governers was the Rev Percy Gray whose wife worked part-time in the school office, photocopying and whose son Luke, who strongly opposed the CTC proposal, was a teacher Three resolutions were passed

the governors to (i) approve selves and the joint sponsors (carried by 10 to 3). (ii) to proceed towards the establishitofaCTC man in Docklands (9 to 4) and (iii) subject to the outcome of consultation with the diocesan board of education, the governors agreed to serve a closu notice on the school under the Education Act 1944 to take effect from the end of the summer term 1991.

The Rev Mr Gray proposed the first two resolutions, spoke at the meeting and voted on all three proposals, unaware at the time that the association of his wife and son with the school amounted to a "pecuniary in-terest" under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Education (School Government) Regulations (SI 1987 No 1359) and thereby rendered him ineligible That group won the support for attendance or participation.

ordered, in the course of divorce

ancillary relief proceedings be-tween the petitioner, Mrs June

Rosemary Crittenden, and Mr

Crittenden and the co-respon-dent, Mrs Janet Taylor, that, inter alia, Mr Crittenden sign a

letter agreeing, subject to con-tract, certain terms of a sale to

Oxford City Council of the trading assets and goodwill of a

On July 24 the governors institutued their own proceedings for judicial review to obtain a deciaration of validity of their earlier resolutions.

> further part. The Secretary of State for Education had rejected the proposal to move to the Scott Lidgett site and the motion to close the school was carried 7 to 3.

> Southwark, Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr John W. Haines for the governors. MR JUSTICE SIMON

meeting could not have been in doubt but because of the de-cision-making framework, if their Lordships were to quash the decision then, on any view, a solution of the school's un-

ciated sponsorship could possibly be lost. Mr Keith's argument why in

those circumstances the court should quash the decision, sim-ply on account of the technical

Section 37 of the 1973 Act was directed to the avoidance of transactions intended to prevent

Mr Crittenden in person; Mr James Turner for the petitioner.

said that Mr Crittenden objected to the letter because it

from involvement in any boat-ing-related business within a 20-

ing-related business within a 20-mile radius of the existing

judge had power to make the order he did by reason of sections 24 and 37 of the 1973

Act. However, while "property"

Mr Turner argued that the

LORD JUSTICE DILLON

or reduce financial relief.

On July 28 a second meeting was held pursuant to the Edu-cation (No 2) Act 1986 to confirm or overturn the earlier decision to close the school, the first two resolutions now being incontrovertible. The implications of the Rev

Mr Gray's pecuniary interest having been realized he took no

Mr Brian Keith, QC and Mr Charles Bear for ILEA and

BROWN said that it had been accepted that the proceedings at vitiated, the participation of the Rev Mr Gray making them ultra vires. The issue for the court was whether to exercise its

doubted present problems would be postponed by at least a year and the chance of setting up a CTC and securing the assoflaw which infected it, was not In re M. C. Bacon Ltd (No 2) without force.
The principle, which guided

the views of the majority in Noble v ILEA ((1983) 82 LGR 291) and clearly also prompted Lord Justice Glidewell in R v Governors of Small Heath School, Ex parte Birmingham City Council (The Times August 14, 1989) that public confidence in the affairs and deliberations of school governors was, Mr Keith submitted, far too im-portant to be sacrificed on the

The fact remained that the court, in its public law function, did have a discretion and in exercising it had to seek to strike a balance between the conflict-ing public interests that arose in such a case. Clearly it would not be right

routinely to refuse relief in cases involving breaches of the regulations merely because the de-cision would probably be

That would be to ignore the long-term public interest in providing a sanction for the regulations and thereby protecting the integrity of the decisions of school governors generally.

But it would be equally wrong to regard the regulations as sacrosanct and their strict enforcement an absolute imper-

ative in all situations. There was the countervailing public in-terest in the children's future and in not frustrating the governors' wishes, where, as here, they were clearly discernible. Lord Justice Stuart Smith delivered a concurring

Solicitors: Mr A. M. Ennals:

in both section 24 and section

37, which was supplemental to it, could clearly extend to shares

in a company, it could not apply to assets of the company.

the particular circumstances, Mr Crittenden was dissipating

assets by not agreeing to the sale, but, quite apart from the fact

that it was company property that was in question, "deal with" in section 37(2)(a) only envisaged a positive dealing

with assets, and not a non-

Sir Roualeyn Cumming-

Solicitors: Manches & Co.

dealing with them.

Bruce agreed.

Further, it was alleged that in

that it had for the last few months of the company's life acted as shadow director, and had rendered itself responsible 'Property' in matrimonial settlement cases

for alleged wrongful trading.

An application to strike out was rejected by Mr Justice Knoz. At the 17-day trial the liquidator abandoned his wrongful trading claim, and Mr Justice Millett dismissed the proceedings, ordering the liq-uidator to pay the costs. The bank's untaxed costs

were about £205,000, which, subject to taxation, the liq-nidator was liable to pay, and his own unquantified costs were bound to be substantial. Apart from the funds comprised in the bank's security, the company

The liquidator, however, had had the foresight to obtain indemnity from certain unsecured creditors, sufficient to cover both sets of costs. There one would have ex-

pected the matter to rest, but the inquidator now sought an order that he should be reimbursed out of the floating charge assets both for his own and the bank's

costs. Those assets were unlikely to be enough to meet the bank's The liquidator claimed reimbursement, not as a matter of discretion, but as of right,

That the proceedings, though msuccessful, were properly 2 That the liquidator's costs were "expenses properly in-curred in the winding-up", under sections 115 and

175(2)(a).

3 That the decision in In re Barleycorn Enterprises Ltd (1970) Ch 465), which con-strued "assets" as including assets subject to a floating charge which had not crys-

tallized at the date of the winding-up produced the result the expenses of the winding-up were payable thereout in priority to the claims of procreditors: and 4 That costs and expenses incurred by the liquidator should therefore be psyable out

of the floating charge assets in priority to the bank's claim as a secured creditor.
At first sight the logic of that At his sight the logic of that claim appeared to be unassailable, yet it was at once novel and startling. It was not derived from any change in the law, but from the construction placed by

from the construction placed by the Court of Appeal in the Barleycorn case in 1970 on provisions which had been on the statute book since 1888.

If well founded, it meant that floating charge assets had been, available to a liquidator as of right, to finance litigation, even if altomatche meance-still area. if ultimately unsuccessful, pro-vided only that the proceedings were properly brought, includ-ing not only lingation brought exclusively for the benefit of unsecured creditors and litigation against the debenture holder, but even litigation challenging the validity of the debenture itself.

The Barleycorn decision came as a surprise to the profession but if that was a consequence of the decision it was one which had escaped the notice of experienced insolvency practitioners for 20 years, and was one of which the Insolvency Law Review Commission was certainly unaware: see paragraph 1532(c) of its report. But in his Lord-ship's judgment it was not a consequence of that decision and the liquidator's claim was

Section 115, which provided

that "All expenses properly incurred, including the remuneration of the liquidator, are payable out of the compamy's assets in priority to all other claims", and section 175(2) re-enacted, with minor changes, ections 309, 319(5) and 319(6) of the Companies Act 1948, and the opening words of rule 195(1) of the Companies (Winding-up) Rules (SI 1949 No 330). Parliament must have re-enacted those provisions with

full knowledge of the Barleycorn decision. It followed that if the costs and expenses in question

were psyable out of the compa-ny's assets at all, they were payable out of the floating change assets in priority to all other claims, including those of preferential creditors and the bank as holder of the floating But, in his Londship's judg-ment, they were not so payable without a further order of the liquidator, as to his own costs

as to the bank's costs because he had jurisdiction, the test would had been ordered to pay them.

The proceedings were not brought, under rule 4.218(1) of whether it would be just to make had been ordered to pay them.

The proceedings were not brought, under rule 4-218(1) of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925), for the purpose of realizing or getting in assets of the company, and even if they were, the fact that they were unsuccessful made all the difference to the genillorstice of with ference to the application of rule

4.218(1)(a).

They were not brought on behalf of the company to recover assets belonging to the company at the date of the winding-up. All such assets were winding up. All such assets were charged to the bank, and any claim to recover them was vested in the bank. The proceedings were brought to set aside the bank's charge as a voidable preference, and to obtain

compensation for wrongful trad-

been sought which would require a secured creditor, being a successful hitigant, to have the liquidator's costs satisfied out of his own security, and deprive him of his contractual right to resort to his own security for payment of the difference between his taxed costs and the costs for which he was liable to his own solicitor. It was difficult

to imagine anything more unjust. The liquidator's applica-tion would therefore be refused. Solicitors: William Prior &

Turkish workers have no movement freedom

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Narin --Turkish workers were not given

an enforceable right to freedom of movement within the Enro-pean Community by article 12 of the Association Agreement between the EEC and Turkey of September 12, 1963 (OI 1964-p3687) and article 36 of the Additional Protocol of Novem-ber 23, 1970 (OI 1972 L293 p4).

The Court of Appeal (Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Taylor) so held on April 5 when disminsing the appeal of Unal Narin against the decision of Mr Justice Kennedy (The Times Jannary 3, 1990) to refuse the application for judicial review of a deportation order made against the applicant by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

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reference to positive dealing with property and did not cover a lack of dealing with it.

The Court of Appeal so held is a collowing in part an appeal by subsequent contract pursuant to

in allowing in part an appeal by Mr Brian Crittenden from Judge of the Callman (sitting as a judge of the Family Division) who had Section 39 of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

EC contractor entitled to bring his own workforce without work permits

Rush Portuguesa Limitada v Office National d'Immigration Case C-113/89 Before C. N. Kakouris, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges T. Koopmans, G. F. Mancini, T. F. O'Higgins and M. Diez de Velasco Advocate General W. van (Opinion March 7)

Judgment March 271 By virtue of articles 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty a member state could not prohibit a provider of services established in another member state from moving freely on its territory with its work force for the purpose of providing those services.

Rush Portuguesa was a building and public works undertaking governed by Portuguese law and whose registered office was in Portugal, which had entered into a subcontract with a French company for works on a railway line in the west of France.

in order to carry out the works, Rush brought its Portuguese work force from Portugal. Having established that Rush had not complied with the requirements of article L 341 of the French Code du Travail (labour code) relating to foreign

d'Immigration (national immigration office), informed Rush of a decision that it was required to pay a special contribution payable by an em-ployer who had employed foreign workers in breach of the provisions of the Code du

Rush brought proceedings before the Tribunal Administratif (administrative court), Ver-sailles, for the annulment of that decision on the basis that articles 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty prevented the application of the Code du Travail to its employees.

The immigration office contended that the freedom to of provide services did not extend and other member states but to all the employees of the provider of services and that such employees remained generally subject to the requirement of a work permit until January 1, 1993, the date on which the transitional period provided for

In its judgment, the European

Court of Justice held as follows: By article 2 of the Act of Accession, the provisions of the provide services were applicable and the other member states from the date of Portugal's cession to the Community.

The Act of Accession established a different scheme in relation to the free movement of workers. According to article 215 of the Act of Accession, the provisions of article 48 of the Treaty were applicable to the free movement

subject to the transitional rules in articles 216 to 219 of the Act The questions submitted by the French court therefore raised the question of the relationship between the freein articles 215 and 216 of the Act dom to provide services, guar-

workers between Portugal

In that regard, it was necessary first to observe that the

freedom to provide services laid down in article 59 of the Treaty implied, according to the wording of article 60, that a person providing a service might, in order to do so, temporarily pursue his activity in the state where the service was provided "under the same conditions as are imposed by that state on its own nationals".

Articles 59 and 60 of the Treaty therefore prevented a member state from prohibiting a person providing services who was established in another member state from moving freely in its territory with its employees or from subjecting the movement of the employees concerned to restrictive conditions such as a requirement of being recruited at the place where the service was to be provided or an obligation to obtain work permits for them. The imposition of such conditions on a provider of services

nationals exercising paid Court of Justice of the European 215 et seq of the Act of which might freely use their own employment in France, the Communities for a preliminary Accession. employees, and, moreover, affected its ability to provide its It was necessary to recall that

the purpose of article 216 of the disturbances on the labour market following the accession of Portugal, both in Portugal and in the other member states. which might be caused by a sudden and substantial movement of workers, and that it introduced for that purpose a derogation to the principle of free movement of workers laid down in article 48 of the Treaty.

In its judgment in Case 9/88 Lopes da Veiga v Staatssecretaris van Justitie (The Times October 30, 1989), the Court had beld that that derogation was to be interpreted in accordance with that objective. The derogation in article 216

was applicable where access by Portuguese workers to the labour market in other member states and the rules on entry and residence of Portuguese workers seeking such access to that

That did not apply, in a case such as the present, which concerned the temporary movement of workers who were sent to another member state in order to carry out construction or public works in the context of the provision of services by their employer.

Such workers, returned to their country of origin after carrying out their task, without, at any time, entering the labour market of the host member It was necessary to specify

that, given that the concept of provision of services as defined in article 60 of the Treaty covered a very wide range of activities, those conclusions could not be applied in every

In particular, it was uccessary to recognize, as the French Government had argued that an undertaking whose purpose was the provision of labour, although providing services within the meaning of the article 216 of the Act of Accestion prevented workers from. Portugal from being made avail-able by an undertaking providing services.

However, member states had

to be able to establish whether a Portuguese undertaking carrying out construction or public work was not using the fi to provide services for other purposes, such as in order to import its employees for the purposes of placing them or making them available contrary to article 216 of the Act of

Such checks, however, had to observe the limits imposed by Community law, in particular those following from the freedom to provide services which could not be made illusory and whose exercise could not be subject to the discretion of the

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out employment, even temporarily, on its territory, what-ever the country, of establishment of the employer, nor did Community law pro-hibit member states fremleraning the observance of those rules

On those grounds the European Court (Sixth Chamber) ruled: Articles 59 and 60 of the EEC Treaty and articles 215 and 216 of the Act of Accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic were to be interpreted as meaning that an undertaking established in Portugal which provided services in the construction and public works sector in another mendion state might travel with its evin work force which it brought from Portugal for the duration

In such a case, the surhorities of the member state on whose carried out could not impose conditions on the provider of

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A gene machine to lead the way

It is easier than cloning, it uses laboratory chemicals and it creates millions of copies of DNA segments within an hour. The applications are endless and the implications, Pearce Wright says, are far-reaching

vision of a world liberated from disease and hunger and secure in its supplies of food, raw materials and pharmaceuticals was presented to a remarkable meeting last weekend.

At a time people usually mill around the supermarket, or contemplate a weekend in the garden, a trip to the country or a flutter on the Grand National, more than 1,500 gathered in Leicester for a day of public lectures on "Genetics and Society".

The lure was a cast of speakers representing a Who's Who in genetic research, including Dr James Watson, the Nobel prizewinner who, with Francis Crick, unravelled the secret of the genetic code encapsulated in the nucleus of

every cell of our body. The event was arranged by Leicester University which has a lineage of outstanding researchers in genetics; pres-ently including Professor Alec Jeffreys, the inventor of the DNA fingerprinting test which is now used to settle paternity suits and the identity of sex offenders or

other suspects.

He described the latest developments in the technique that should allow the identification from saliva or mouth swabs including, for instance, the writer of a poison pen letter from tell-tale marks on a stamp that had been licked, or suspects from the smear of saliva on a

wine glass or cigarette butt.
The new advance comes from exploiting an invention which he described as: The geneticists' answer to the Xerox [photocopier]". Officially it is known as the polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

Although PCR was first described in the United States in 1985, it has been refined and suddenly taken the field of research in molecular biology by storm. New PCR-based methods are being developed almost daily, accelerating laboratory research and the possible

application of its results. Tiny bits of genetic information, previously too small to be identified, can be analysed using PCR with stunning

PCR machines differ from cloning methods which have been used in laboratories for the past decade in that they use off-the-shelf laboratory reagents to make millions of identical copies of minute pieces of DNA within an hour. Cloning needed larger amounts of original DNA material and would take weeks to reproduce similar numbers of DNA. segments in the cumbersome fermentation process. The invention of PCR technology has triggered a fierce patents battle between the American manufac-

turers of the machines. A faster, more accurate diagnosis of some inherited blood disorders has already been possible using the PCR method in Britain. Doctors at Hammerexperimenting with PCR for sex determination during in-vitro fertilization before implanting the embryo in the

This procedure is the test-bed for preimplantation diagnosis, whereby parents at high risk of conceiving a child with a lethal inherited sex-linked disease have a chance of avoiding a pregnancy with a child carrying the fatal gene.

Research at St Mary's Hospital, in Paddington, west London, has shown it should also be possible to use PCR to conduct pre-implantation diagnosis for cystic fibrosis. More importantly, the scientists have shown that a cheap massscreening method is possible to test fertile couples for their risk as carriers of the cystic fibrosis gene, simply by taking

a mouth swab for analysis.

Another application for PCR methods in the future may be in the revival of any

recently extinct species of wildlife.

More certainly, the application of the technique will play a key part in a programme proposed by Dr Watson into the genetic cause of Alzheimer's disease; the disorder of early senility that involves a pronounced loss of memory.

Dr Watson, who is director of the US Human Genome Initiative (the American part of the vast international effort to identify the estimated 50,000 to 100,000 genes that form the blueprint for each individual), has chosen to give first priority to the quest for the Alzheimer



The first applications of such diagnosis will be consumer-led'

Dr Anne McLaren

Dr Watson's decision on Alzheimer's Disease research is likely to surprise other researchers who might give more weight to identifying the genes that cause cancer and those responsible for the known 4,000 gene-linked disorders. Dr Watson's decision follows new findings establishing that a mode of genetic transmission is at play in the disease.

So the stage has been set for the molecular biologists to pinpoint and analyse yet another genetic needle in the haystack of DNA in which all the genes are to be found.

With a condition such as Alzheimers, the ultimate goal is to identify not so much the gene, but the biochemical deficiency, or excess, that it creates.

Only then may a remedy be forthcom ing, by reproducing the gene in the laboratory and placing it in cells so that they form the missing molecules, or by some more direct form of biomedical intervention by gene therapy.

in the centre of every cell was first identified under the microscope over 100 years ago by the German cell biologist Walther Flemming. Thanks to Drs Crick and Watson,

The thread-like double strand of DNA

scientists now know that these doublestrands are nothing less than long chains of genes attached end to end, forming a record of the body's past as well as a blueprint and map of its future.

But the strand of DNA that carries the thousands of genes is coiled, twisted and



This new era of research requires sound judgement'

Baroness Mary Warnock

doubles back on itself. If stretched out to its full length it would be about 6ft long. In a human, these twin strands of biochemical beads consist of 4 billion substances, referred to as bases. Only about 2 per cent of them are involved in forming occasional sequences of several hundred or thousand bases that constitute a gene, carrying the code for the creation of blue eyes, brown hair, bones, nerves, organs and muscles.

More than 90 per cent of the spaghetti tangle of DNA appears to be junk, leaving only incredibly small sections with the functioning or defective genes to

be found.

The genetic analysis of DNA had to wait for the first biological scissors for cutting the DNA into manageable portions; and then for a method of cloning them into bacteria, which could be grown in fermentation flasks as biological factories from which the new genes could be purified.

Those discoveries created the field of genetic engineering, but they were slow and cumbersome and needed a large amount of original DNA with which to

The PCR procedure gets its name from the discovery of a naturally-occurring substance called the DNA polymerase molecule that is normally used as the catalyst for the assembly of the twin strands in the body. The same process can be repeated in a "gene machine" in the laboratory. The initial reactions tended to be unreliable, but scientists have now refined the proces

The new advance exploits a bacterium called Thermus aquaticus (Taq), which lives in hot springs and which has a more heat stable DNA polymerase molecule than the human variety.

With this discovery, the Taq polymerase allows PCR machines to make millions of copies an hour from tiny pieces of DNA, and it is leading to better cancer diagnosis and may eventually smooth the way to treatment.

empering the excitement are fundamental social and political questions. They arise with the expansion now possible in experimenting with human embryos, sex selection, screening for genetic disorders, solving crime with DNA fingerprinting and manipulating the germ cells of plants to create disease resistant foods with a longer shelf life.

Most of the experts at last weekend's lectures sought to allay public fear and argued the case for research on embryos up to 14 days old, which is one of the most contentious clauses in a Embryo Research and Fertilisation Bill to be debated in Parliament soon.

Dr Anne McLaren, director of the Medical Research Council's Mammalian Development Unit, at University Collimplantation diagnostic techniques, said the scientists were under pressure from public interest groups concerned about the new methods as quickly as possible. She said the first applications of preimplantation diagnosis would be con-

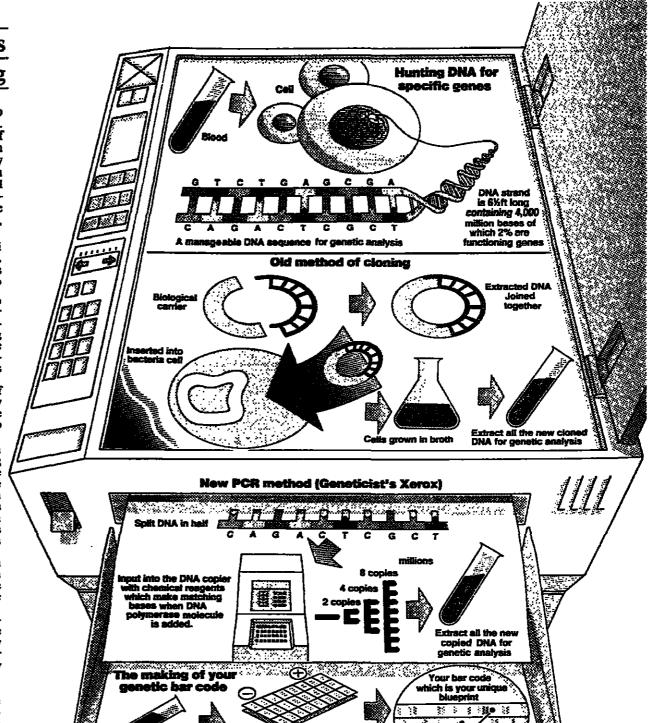
sumer-led.
Baroness Mary Warnock, mistress of Girton College, Cambridge, sounded a warning. She chaired the committee which examined the existing voluntary arrangements for IVF clinics and embryo research. Baroness Warnock beheves that new laws are needed to embrace the implications for the individual arising from the human genome

This new era in human genetics would enable an employer or insurer to check on the predisposition of a person to heart disease, mental illness, alcoholism, premature ageing or cancer from a simple pin prick of blood.

She is guardedly optimistic about the newera of biology that she says "requires sound judgement to be made based on scientific and moral principles".

Baroness Warnock said there were circumstances when genetic information had to be shared, particularly in families. to warn other relatives of an inherited tendency to a potentially fatal disease.

Clearly PCR has opened a new chapter of medicine in which the issues involved vere not merely scientific or medical, but social, legal and ethical questions.

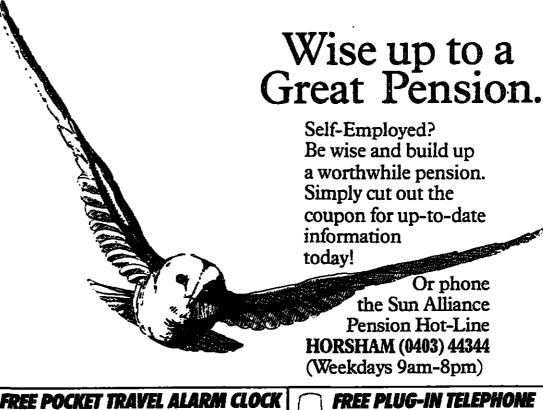


PCR: THE GENETICIST'S ANSWER TO A PHOTOCOPIER

THE gene machine using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) opens up new horizons in medical research. Millions of identical copies of small sections of DNA can be created within an hour. One scientist has likened it to a Xerox (photocopier) for

neneticists. DNA is the double strand of material which carries the unique coded blueprint of a person. Previously, cloning methods had needed larger amounts of original DNA material to make copies, taking weeks to produce a similar number of segments. Cloning uses the time-consuming method of bacteria fermentation. The PCR development has provoked an explosion of activity among researchers in: forensic science (including DNA fingerprinting); pre-natal diagnosis for genetic disease;

gene therapy; pre-implantation sex determination for disease screening for in-vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment; cancer diagnosis; therapeutic compounds for cancer and conservation and



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Golden hope for Aids virus

new treatment against Aids. The precious metal, which

is widely used in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis has been found in laboratory tests to help inhibit replication of HIV, the virus that causes American and French scien-

tists jointly engaged in the project hope that eventually the experimental compound will qualify as an effective drug for The work is being carried

out at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, and the US Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland.

The latest findings were presented yesterday at an international conference in Manchester on the use of gold and other metals in medicine.

Professor Herbert Blough, a leading American researcher, said that in some respects the compound appeared to be replication in infected cells. more effective in attacking
HIV than was Zidovudine — to find a delivery system that

The researchers now have to nine months before there is a noticeably beneficial effect.

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E ight researchers have made a "golden discovery" in their search for a using an ancient, precious element to using an ancient, precious element to help inhibit the replication of HIV

also known as AZT - which is accurately directs the com-

the only drug licensed for the pound towards the virus with-treatment of the disease. pound towards the virus with-"We think we have a new Efforts are being made to and promising approach for develop such a system at the treatment of Aids," he told Pasteur Institute, where HIV

the conference at the Univer- was first identified by Professity of Manchester Institute of sor Luc Montagnier and col-Science & Technology.

and this could be one of them. rent work. But we still have a long way to

He emphasized that huge problems, including those of the toxicity of the compound, would have to be overcome

was no certainty of success. The compound, known as 1-aurothioglucose, seems to block the action of an enzyme

ience & Technology. leagues about six years ago.
"In the next few years, new Professor Montagnier is perdrugs will become available sonally involved in the cur-

The research has been made possible by exploiting existing knowledge of the therapeutic propbefore it could be considered erties of gold in the treatment for use in patients - and there of rheumatoid arthritis. Drugs containing gold salts, taken either orally or injected, produce a reaction in the affected tissues which leads to their

In arthritics, it can take up

problem in the world, with about 225,000 recorded cases now and the likelihood of at least half a million cases by the end of 1993".

It would be 10 or 15 years before a vaccine against the disease was likely to be available. "It behoves us to try to develop new and innovative therapeutic approaches to hit the virus," he said. "We face a monumental task."

Professor Frank Shaw, of the chemistry department of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, has been involved in the research. He said: "For thousands of years, civilizations in many parts of the world believed that gold had magical or medicinal properties.

"We now know that it is very useful in treating rheumatoid arthritis. The possibilities of turning it to good use against Aids are very exciting. There are myriad problems and nobody can predict the

outcome, but we are hopeful." Thomson Prentice

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Sensors seek a practical role

he perennial problem of how to exploit discoveries of academic research seems to be worsening, judging by the prelimi nary conclusions of a major study of science policy by Dr James Fleck and Dr David Edge, of Edinburgh University.

They are investigating the fashionable subject of artificial intelligence (AI), which received a substantial injection of cash under the Government's much criticized Alvey programme, and the extent to which the results of that research are ready for practical application.

Dr Fleck says a process of technology "transformation" is needed first, rather than the accepted idea of technology "transfer", because the methods, tools and languages that have been used by the academics are usually unsuited to those of the industrial dev-

elopment teams. Artificial neural networks are a new kind of electronic computer circuit (or software simulation) that attempts to mimic the behaviour of neurons, the nerve cells of the brain. and the axons, or nerve fibres, which link them together in in-

tricate patterns. The advantage offered by artificial neural networks over more conventional AI techniques, such as expert systems, is that instead of having to be programmed, they learn how to solve problems.

Neural network research has been going on for more than 40 years. As one sceptic recently put it: "Neural networks are the technology of the future: always have been, always will be."

Delivery of practical applications has been hampered by academic politics. In 1968 Marvin Minsky and Seymour Papert, two eminent American scientists from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, claimed that neural network theory was fundamentally flawed, and US government funding dried up for more than a decade. In Britain a report by Sir James Lighthill abruptly ended funding of academic research by the Science Research Council.

Last year, neural network researchers were overjoyed when the US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency announced long-term funding in excess of \$400 million (£244 million) — but even this has now been reviewed in the drive to cut public spending.

Real commercial applications are starting to emerge. Interestingly, a transformation has taken place in the nature of applications. Almost all the academic research projects have applied neural networks to

Neural networks may be more efficient than

humans in booking flights or deciding

your credit rating,

Richard Pawson says solving so-called "real world" prob-

lems - giving computers and robots the kinds of senses that humans and

The goal is very laudable, but fraught with problems. "The real world," complained one researcher, "is a very messy kind of place from

a computer's viewpoint."

Which is probably why most of the commercial applications for neural networks operate entirely inside the "squeaky-clean" environment of a corporate computer system - where all the information well-structured and largely

Some of the largest such computer systems in the world are airline booking systems. As recent television documentaries have revealed, flights are deliberately overbooked by airlines because such a high percentage of booked pas-sengers who fail to turn up. Major airlines employ mathematicians to predict how far they can safely overbook before running the risk of having to prevent some passengers

A new computer programme, Airline Marketing Tactician, employs neural network principles to the same job. Two airlines that have tested the software report a significant improvement in flight

Another industry where profitability is heavily dependent upon marginal human judgement is credit approval. Authorizations for credit card transactions are now substantially automated, but authorization for new cards, or for mortgages or personal loans, is not. If the credit controller is too cautious in an assessment (based on information such as age, salary, and past payment record), the finance company will lose good business and more goodwill. If controllers are insufficiently cautious, the company will be faced with repayment

By learning from a history of thousands of real applications, a package based on neural networks can make significantly better judgements than human experts using conventional credit-scoring techniques. Citicorp in the USA is evaluating the system for mortgage loan applications, but has yet to report on its findings.

Insurance and pension companies are also experimenting, with the goal of being able to predict the likelihood of a motoring insurance claim, or a policy holder's life

There is no shortage of past examples to learn from - but humans are very bad at detecting subtle patterns in large quantities of data, and conventional computerbased statistical techniques make gross simplifications.

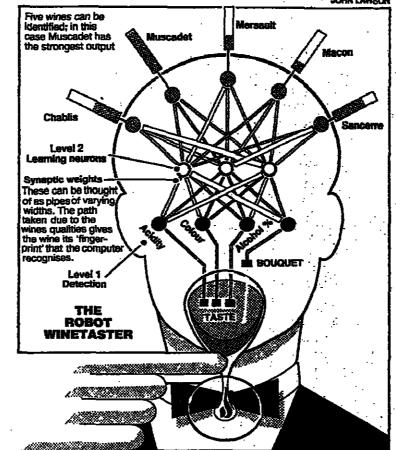
Given the potential commercial advantage offered by neural networks in this field, companies are reluctant to disclose the results of their research; the Swiss Life & Pensions Company in Zurich, for example, has published its initial findings in this field, but remains tight-lipped concerning more recent developments.

It would be wrong to suggest that academic research applications into neural networks are not leading to practical applications. Within two to three years, at least one product should have made it to market.

n Finland, Professor Teuvo Kohonen, at Helsinki University, claims to have developed the world's first phonetic typewriter, capable of transcribing normal speech - provided that your normal speech is Finnish, whose orthography is somewhat more phonetic than English.

It is almost impossible to obtain accurate information on Professor Kohonen's system because the patents have been bought by the Osahi Corporation in Japan, which has another reasonably phonetic

British Telecom is sponsoring several neural net research projects, including one for video telephones. To transmit a full motion video picture currently requires between 10 and 1,000 times the band width of an ordinary telephone line depending on the quality required. Consumers would be unwilling to pay more than double the cost of a normal telephone call for the privilege of seeing their caller. A neural network, however, could be based on the idea that most of the dynamic information in a person's face is conveyed by the eyes and mouth. If it was possible to track those features, then they could be transmitted, say, 20 times a second, with the rest of the face undated only once a second. Although the results are promising, a usable system is still some years away.



THE WINE TASTER WITHOUT A PALATE

MOST current neural network projects relate either to computer vision or to voice processing, including speech synthesis and speech recognition, but there are also projects relating to smell, taste and touch. The idea is to enable computers to learn to interpret the real world — and so acquire the kind of common sense abundant in a child aged five, but seriously lacking in all

One such system could be used as a wine taster. The network contains 12 neurons, arranged in three layers, connected together by a total of 27 "synaptic weights". The network would learn how to classify wines by being repeatedly trained on a trial set of examples.

When a known wine is presented to the input sensors, the network will initially be likely to produce a random output that is wrong identifying a Muscadet as a Chablis. for instance. The human trainer then advises the correct suswer and the network makes a small adjustment to the strength of each synaptic weight, or connection, which had contributed to the wrong

After several hundred training examples the network should be able to arrange its synaptic weights to give a correct classification with

unknown samples of wine.

Although this may sound farfetched, a team of researchers at Warwick University has been developing a similar sytem to assist in quality control for beer production in a brewery.

There is already a wide rauge of

speech-recognition devices, ranging from sophisticated toy robots to addon boards for personal computers, and the technology is being used in real applications from parcel-sorting to telephone ticket sales.

But current technology copes only with isolated word recognition: it requires the speaker to leave panses between words. Continuous speech, the way we speak to each other, generates too many ambiguities for conventional computer algorithms. Work on asable systems is, how-

As for the wine taster, what of the potential market for a pen-sized device that could be dipped into a glass, thus apparently allowing the owner to identify the wine "blind"?

Turning over an old leaf

DNA, has been successfully extracted from a plant specimen which is more than 17 million years old. The DNA taken from the fossilized leaf of an extinct species of magnolia by Edward Golenberg, of the University of California, Riverside, and colleagues, is the oldest intelligible piece of genetic information ever found. The previous recordholder came from a 13,000year-old mammified piece of skin from a ground sloth.

The researchers describe their remarkable feat in today's *Nature* (vol. 344, pp. 656-658). The new research will not allow the reanimation of mammoths, dinosaurs or other extinct creatures. It is important, however, because it will allow palaeontologists and molecular biologists to kiss

and make up after a long estrangement. Palacontologists use the record of fossils to work out the course of evolution. The ages of fossil-bearing geological strata are used to rank fossil forms in order of their chronological

appearance. In this way. scientists can work out which prehistoric creatures lived at particular times and so speculate on evolutionary family trees.

In an important sense, palaeontologists work from the trunk of the evolutionary tree upwards to the twigs. Molecular biologists do things differently: like Spike Milligan's monkeys in The Bald Twit Lion, who waited for trees to reach them before they could invent the art of climbing down, they start with the twigs - the most recent creatures - and work downwards to the trunk.

By comparing the varying sequences of the genes of animals and plants alive today, they can judge which is more closely related to what, and so reconstruct the

is that there is no easy way to establish the time at which any two twigs diverged from a common

Stem. Although there are several ways of doing this in theory, the only sound way is to calibrate the branching order against the fossil record. This leads to trouble if the two lines of evidence

Researchers have wondered whether fossilized genes might be recovered that could settle the matter. The new work is a creditable stab in that direction. The fossil magnolia DNA formed a substantial part of the instructions for making an enzyme called ribulose 1,5 bisphosphate carboxylase (RuBisCo): Golenberg and his colleagues have managed to compare it with RuBisCo genes from mod-

ern magnolias. Because the age of the fossil DNA is known (between 17 and 20 million old), **2183Y** researchers will be able to judge the efficacy of theoretical tricks used to reconstruct possible "ancestral" RuBisCo gene

The downside is that there will be few opportunities to perpetrate such a tour de force, only possible if the preservation of the fossils is truly exceptional.

Growing near a deep lake in what is now Idaho. magnolias shed their leaves on the water. The leaves became waterlogged and sank to the oxygen-poor bottom, where they were rapidly buried. The speed of burial meant that the plant material remained almost intact down to the timiest detail: complete cells, and even the structures within them, are well preserved. Importantly, the chemistry of the sediment acts to preserve rather than damage the DNA within the

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Unsealing a diseased fate

esearchers are examining the possibility of vaccinating wildlife against the type of viral infection that killed 18,000 grey and common seals around the coasts of Europe in 1988, incuting 3,000 along the British coasts.

Two years ago, the first report came of an unknown disease which became a catastrophic epidemic among the sea-mammal communities around the coasts of Northern Europe.

While the North Sea populations survived, conservationists are worried about the almost certain extinction of some species of sea mammals if the virus spreads to the endangered Mediterranean monk seal.

The possibility of creating a vaccine was considered once the cause of the infection was established, but mass immunization of wildlife was dismissed as impractical.

A group led by Dr John Harwood and Dr Ailsa Hall, from the Natural Environment Research Council's Sea Mammals Research Unit, Cambridge, who were in the UK's rescue team, are studying the biological development peeded for a vaccine.

The awesome logistics of an animal immunization programme are outlined by another member of the Cambridge team, Sheila Anderson, in a book, Seals, published anday.

She asks why if dogs can be vaccinated against the lethal canine distemper virus, CDV, seals cannot be protected against the newly discovered phocine distemper virus, PDV,

Pearce Wright reports on the fight to stop

terested in seal-watching.

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ters from Guy Trouton's drawings in

the book. Yet even

experts often mistake

the two dominant UK

types, the grey and the

common seal — a misnomer since it is

less common than the

grey. But the quickest

check is that common

seals are snub-nosed and greys have clon-

another killer epidemic among seals

which turned out to be responsible. vided a guide to the 34 species and Theoretically, they can be Animals which have been in captivity are given injections before being released back into the wild. The trouble with The main breeding grounds for both grey and common seals in Britain are immunizing seals is that two shots are needed three to four weeks apart. It is difficult enough to catch seals once, let Orkney Islands, off the coast of alone twice. Moreover, seal pape can Scotland. Even a casual observer

swim 40 miles in nine

days. The task of inoculating the more than 125,000 com-To inoculate mon and grey scals around the British more than coast would be virtu-125,000 common ally impossible. A sinand grey seals on gle-shot vaccine is possible but it conthe British coast tains live virus material which may present ecological problems and could would be virtually impossible' pose a serious risk of

The disease will break out again in the seal populations gated muzzles. if individuals which have not been The biological miracle that allows them to bob up for air for less than a exposed to the virus encounter infec-

minute before diving again for up to seven or eight minutes, intrigues sea On the Continent, where up to 60 per cent of the populations died the remaining seals may have gained resistance. In recounting the dangers mammal researchers. Below the waves their hearts beat at 40 per minute and then rocket to more than ahead, Mrs Anderson has also pro-120 a minute once above the surface.

Strong bonding between mother and pup is vital since the infant grows at a phenomenal rate on a diet of about 2.5 litres a day of fat-rich milk,

Pups put on 2kg (4.5lb) a day, and reach 45kg (100lb) in 16 to 18 days. Mrs Anderson says the enormous their locations, providing valuable information for anyone who is inenergy drain on a mother when suckling her pups is equivalent to the energy from 70 cream buns a day.

But the book's primary aim is to on the Outer Hebrides, Shetland and focus on the questions raised by the epidemic threatening the seal communities and which remain unanswered. should have little Where did the virus come from? Was it due to pollution?

> er fears are compounded by calls from fishermen for seals to be killed because they blame them for declining fish stocks in the North Atlantic. Pollution and organochlorines from chemical wastes and agricultural runoff have already caused reproductive failure and ill health.

Although rissue from dead seals analysed so far has not shown high levels of toxic chemicals, Mrs Anderson says it is not yet known what level of contamination could affect the

seals' immune systems. She is more optimistic about the future, saying that the source of the virus seems likely to have been Arctic seals and, with the high degree of immunity now in UK populations, affected communities should begin to

● Seals (Whittet Books, £6.95)



Up against the tide: common seals such as this pup suffer from pollution and disease

Fit rats resistant

are more resistant to cancerthan sedentary ones, prelimi-nary laboratory studies have shown. Professor

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Robert E. Beyer, a biochemist at the University of Michigan, compared rats who are induced to run seven to nine miles a day to inactive rats. Both groups were injected with carcinogenics, carbon grachloride and ethanol Professor Beyer found that the active rats had significantly less cell damage in the initial larges of cancer than the others. However, just how exercise protects rats is not yet

ice age drops-framination of more than 13ft of core extracted from the North Atlantic between Newfoundland and northern France has provided strong evidence that, during the last ice age and perhaps during all of them, there were drastic shifts of climate at intervals of for such abrupt changes has been found in a core obtained by the Ocean Drilling Program, financed by seven international governments and organizations.

Coal project

An £8 million development programme to demonstrate a Britain jointly by the Department of Energy, British Gas, National Power, PowerGen, and British Coal. It will use the British Gas/Lurgi (BGL) slagging gasifier at the British Gas Westfield Development

Rocket restart

Launches of the can start up again this summer, officials announced eard'Allest, president of Hercales Aerospace Co, of Arianespace, the European Space Agency's commercial carry satellites weighing up to 900lb (408kg) into orbit. by early May. Announcing the findings of an investigative panel, he said that the failed launch was due to a loss of thrust in one of the rocket's first-stage Viking-V motors. This was caused by the almost total obstruction of the circuit which feeds water to the

Patent win

in an important judgment for Generatech Inc. the San Fancisco-based genetic ensincering firm, an American have entered the birds' food court ruled last Friday that the chain. John Darby, head of tompany's patents were valid science at Otago Museum, for its genetically engineered says that extensive tests in Australia had failed to trace plasminogen activator (TPA). TPA belongs to a class of corpses recovered. He said it drugs called thrombolytics was frustrating, but had highwhich are used to break up lighted how little was known blood clots in heart attack about penguins and what hapvictims and for which an pened to them at sea.

* BRIEFING enormous battle has developed in the drug industry. The court ruled that the patents had been infringed by prodncis under development by Burroughs Wellcome and Genetics Institute Inc. Bur-roughs Wellcome said it was reviewing the decision to determine its future course of

cross infection.

Sensor study

Britain has a strong academic research base in advanced sensor technology which is ripe for commercial exploitation, according to a Department of Trade and Industry study. The scientific instrument industry is urged to take early advantage of the commercial opportunities to gain a significant share of such an important growth market, Advanced sensor technology, employing fibre optics and other techniques, offers practical benefits to many sectors of industry such as aerospace, automotive, food process chemicals, and water supply. The review identified 28 groups working with solid state sensors and 27 working with fibre optic or integrated ontic sensors.

Up and away A Pegasus rocket was succes

fully launched into orbit last week from the wing of a B-52

bomber, giving the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) and the private American space industry a new method of clean process for converting boosting small payloads into coal into gas is being funded in space. It was the first time a space-bound rocket had been launched from an aircraft. It was proof of the viability of a commercial venture to develop a relatively inexpensive way of sending a spacecraft into orbit. The Pegasus rocket was dropped from the wing of the Nasa-owned B-52 at 43,000ft (13,106m) over California Five seconds later, the rocket's engine ignited, and the 50ft (15m) rocket Ariane rocket, soared into space. Its third grounded since stage later released a small an explosion Navy communications satduring a lift-off ellite that will circle the globe in February, in a polar orbit 320 nautical again this summiles up. The rocket is a joint officials announced ear-this week. Frederic Corp. of Fairfax, Virginia, and

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Spy-proof glass a window to future

cientists are experimenting with a new spy-proof glass which could provide the ultimate weapon for high-security buildings against electronic eavesdroppers. The glass could be used to replace windows in govern-ment buildings, embassies and highsecurity finance and commercial houses. Until now, conventional windows have proved to be the glaring hole in the defence against electronic "bugging" or interference from outside.

The idea that has attracted the attention of the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office and the City is aimed at stopping the accidental transmission of electronic signals from computer screens that may be read by outsiders. It will also protect the memory banks of computer systems from being altered or wiped clean, deliberately or by default, by radio signals. The experiment is a joint venture between Government and industrial researchers. They have modified an office at the Building Research Establishment, near Watford, to test the device.

Technical problems have

plagued the \$1.5 billion Hubble space telescope

project since its approval in 1977. The problems have been

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Pearce Wright says a new glass may be the perfect weapon against electronic

eavesdroppers

The research was prompted by studies three years ago showing how a van equipped with carefully tuned electronic eavesdropping equip-ment could park outside a building and read data on the computer screens inside. Technically, the phenomenon should have caused little surprise since the electronic spy is a specialized version of the television detector van which looks for signals generated from the sets of television viewers who have not paid a licence fee.

The simple answer to the threat is to make sure that the room forms a glass or Datastop, begins life as two Faraday cage which, in effect, panes of flat glass from the firm's

from electrical disturbances.

The idea would involve an enlarged version of the method that electronic engineers adopt as a routine to protect sensitive electronic circuits, surrounding them with an earthed wire screen.

Since the conversion of offices into a series of claustrophobic metal cubicles was hardly an attractive proposition, a more practical solution was needed, according to David Goodall, of British glass manufacturers, Pilkington. He says that a determined eavesdropper can pick up computer signals leaking along radiator ducts, electrical cabling and other plumbing routes; but they could all be screened.

The glaring hole in all defences was the window. Hence the project began in Pilkington's research department with the search for an electronically leak-proof glass that retained the normal visual and architectural characteristics.

The answer, called data defence wich and electrical connections are

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bulk production line. Each side of each pane is coated with a layer of one of three different coatings of a transparent, electrically conducting

The two panes of coated glass are stuck together as a laminated sand-

made between the layers and the walls of the buildings, creating a Faraday cage with no holes.

The composition of the metallic film and how it can be applied to give a tinted look are being closely guarded as commercial secrets by Pilkington.

University, in the US, proposed an instrument which would operate above the ·Earth's atmosphere. His specifications have been realized in the Hubble space telescope. These include:

 Planned lifetime: 15 years • Altitude: 600km (380 miles), 2.5-degree inclined circular orbit

• Range: the telescope will peer seven times more deeply into space and detect objects 50 times fainter, with 10 times the clarity of the best ground-

based observatories Dimensions: 13.3m (43.5ft long); weighs 25,500lbs (over 11 tons); diameter 4.3m (14ft) • Instruments: light entering

the telescope is analysed by one or more of five instruments -- two cameras, two light-splitting spectrographs, and a photometer that can record rapid changes in the light given off by a target ● Electrical power: 5.0kW from the first in-orbit-replace-

able solar array, comprising two wings 7.8ft wide, 39.4ft long panels made of 48,000 JOBSCENE.

Users call for better safety

Unions are now coming to grips

with the problems of computer use

The giant computer manufacturer IBM recently cut the radiation emissions of its computer terminals to a Swedish standard, and will do the same for personal computers soon cause of customer demand. But Paul Snayd, IBM's VDU and ergonomics project officer, says the company will not adapt existing computers, because it believes they are

The debate over health hazards in the information technology industry rages on. Computer users complain of eve fatigue induced by looking at visual display units (VDUs) for long stretches, and pain in the wrists and hands from using keyboards. Some believe that the radiation emitted by computers can cause birth defects.

The most commonly documented complaints centre around tenosynovitis, otherwise known as Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI). This is listed as an industrial disease by the Department of Employment's Health and Safety Executive (HSE), mainly applied to manual and production line workers who do repetitive tasks with their hands.

After a study of 580 people with the disease, the HSE reported that secretaries, op-erators and checkout staff run the highest risk of developing RSI. The RSI Association (0895 38663), a support group, describes the problem as an epidemic because of the inroduction of new technology.

The Manufacturing, Science and Finance (MSF) Union says RSI is an increasing problem for office workers, particularly VDU operators, computer programmers, word processor operators and data entry staff.

It is backing a large number of cases for industrial injury because of computer use, with

12 registered in the last year alone. This area is still largely intested in law.

The union has recently backed and won what it describes as a "landmark case", when the Department of Social Security (DSS) conceded that a keyboard operator was due backdated disablement benefit for tenosynovitis. It should open the way for other computer users to claim invalidity benefits from the DSS.

Others say that the office environment is at fault. The City Centre, an advice and information co-operative for London workers, claims a survey showed that 94 per cent of VDU workers are experiencing four or more symptoms of ill health, including eye-strain, headaches. tiredness, back and neck pains

The City Centre is co-ordinating a VDU workers' rights campaign, and argues that commuter rooms are often poisy, poorly lit and ill-designed, with little attention being paid to worker's needs. Dr Joe Kerns, an independent occupational physician,

says that eye strain and RSI are caused by poor design of computers and offices. The problem is not radiation, but muscular strain, and it is still amazing to see how poorly computers are

designed. We've gone back to levels of ignorance about the ergonomics or technology of 00 years ago.

Users should not sit in front of screens for too long, and work should be structured so they have to get up and move around," Dr Kerns avy.

A House of Lords select committee last year advised the rejection of a directive from the European Comma nity (EC) that there should be legislation imposing mini-mum health and safety standards for VDU users,

Dr William Hunter, a senior EC medical adviser, says that although the evidence that VDUs cause serious health: hazards is weak, the EC feels the directive was necessary because of the "vast volume" of public concern.

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Crew to make a gentle drop

a continuing source of anxiety The composition of the for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration crew offers a clue to the technical nature of the ven-(Nasa) and for American and European astronomers who ture. The commander of the have so much riding on the mission is Colonel Loren Shriver, a 46-year-old US Air enterprise, due for launch on Force pilot making his second Tuesday but now delayed shuttle flight. The other astronauts are Col. Charles indefinitely.

More importantly, last-minute hitches with the Bolden, 44, of the Marine Bolden, 44, of the Marine Corps; Captain Bruce McCandless II, 53, a US Navy a crew expected to carry out officer, Dr Steven Hawley, 39, the most demanding engineer an astronomer; and Dr Kathing feat in the history of space ryn Sullivan, 39, a geologist.

Once in space, the crew will Discovery was the only use Discovery's mechanical member of the space shuttle arm to gently prise the telefleet powerful enough to carry scope from its cradle in the the 43ft observatory into payload bay. The telescope's space and there was barely instruments and control sysroom for a shoehorn once the tems will be checked before telescope was packed into the payload bay. The four-man, detailed deployment manocurres begin.

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presents the biggest challenge. After its deployment, energy will begin to flow from the solar cells to the Hubble observatory's internal power panels, which are rolled in systems, starting a two-way



Team: Bolden, Hawley, Shriver, McCandless, Sullivan

tubes and strapped like a flow of data between the straight-jacket to the side of instruments and the crew and ground controllers. Only then can the shuttle

depart. Another three or four days of testing will be needed to check that the telescope can move and point with the necessary precision.

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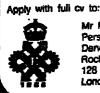
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Steve Davis so cool. Stephen Reardon's modern champ-Hendry so boyish. Cliff Thorburn so tacitum. Alex all over with the entire final Higgins so unpredictable, evening session to spare. Jimmy White so nervy and fast, John Parrott so determined all so different, all with foibles that To send Parrott back out appeal to some of the audience and appal the rest of them, all waiting in the wings at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, and Snooker Association pop-for the start tomorrow of ping up occasionally, dressed snooker's annual 17-day in a gorilla suit, to spray them spectacular, the Embassy world championship.

A total of £620,000 is at stake (including the qualifying competition) and the eventual winner, on April 29, will ment, he left the Crucible collect £120.000. He will have stage door with Karen, then won a total of 70 frames, he his fiancee and now his wife, will have become (or re- to an ecstatic reception from instated himself as) a national hundreds of supporters. hero and he will have kept millions of TV viewers, right across the social spectrum and with no interest in any other sporting activity for the rest of more than he is worth) and the year, transfixed for hours retained the European Open.

matches is over the best of 19 the signs point towards a final frames and the competition between the two best players builds to a two-day, four- in the world, Davis and builds to a two-day, four- in the session, best-of-35-frames Hendry.

Backing for White

JIMMY White has been heavily backed to win the Embassy World Championship, including a single bet of £2,000 from one client in Hampshire with Coral, who have moved him to 7-1 third favourite behind Steve Davis, the 7-4 favourite, and Stephen Hendry, whose odds are 5-2. Hendry, whose odds are 5-2. The odds on a Davis-Hendry

FIRST ROUND

S James v A Higgins (N Ireland)

W Thome v A Drago (Malta)

A Knowles v A Chappel (Wales)

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C Thorbum (Canada) C Wilson (Wales)

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ionship record) - that it was

The public had bought their seats and had to be entertained; the show had to go on. against Davis in an exhibition match - with an official of the World Professional Billiards with a soda siphon - smacked of crassness. It could have shattered Parrott's dignity.

But Parrott coped manfully; and later, much to his amazement, he left the Crucible

That said a great deal about Parrott and his character. This season, he is rated No. 2 in the world (perhaps a place or two He will again be a force at the Each of the 16 first-round Crucible. But practically all of

The bookmakers have made A year ago, Davis tore into Davis favourite for the tenth Parrott so ferociously - to win successive year, eschewing in

Draw for the embassy world championship

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● The Crucible Theatre, Shef-field was first used as a world championship venue in 1977.

The previous year the final had been split between Middlesbrough Town Hall and the dissbrough Town Hall and the commend on April 29 he will win Davis is, however, the only

The world championship will be held at the Crucible until at

least 1996 because of a £6.5

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1983 he also became the only player to score a maximum 147 break in the championship.

SECOND ROUND QUARTER-FINALS SEMI-FINALS

TELEVISION sport's favour-ite cast of characters is ready: sixth in all (thus equalling Ray year-old from Scotland who has dominated the season, winning five titles. He is expected by many to be too sharp for all those he is due to meet on his way to the final. until when he cannot meet

> The champion, who had appeared somewhat below his best between winning his second title of the season last October and his third, the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters on April I, begins his defence tomorrow against Eddie Charlton, the 60-year-old from Australia, the match coming to its conclusion in the

Beyond Davis and Hendry, it is the rich variety of the cast that makes the world championship such compulsive viewing, not only to the TV millions but also to the hundreds who pack the Crucible, the perfect snooker auditorium, every session, three

First on today are Higgins and Steve James, whose quality was successfully examined as he won the Mercantile Credit Classic in January, beating Davis in the semi-

Higgins's excesses are legendary and mostly to be despised but it is he, more than anyone, who can lay claim to making snooker the TV spectator sport of the 1980s and almost certainly the 1990s as well

So, who is going to be holding the winner's cheque on April 29? My vote goes to Davis, but only by the slightest of margins from Hendry. An outsider? Try Gary Wilkinson or Steve James, if he can beat Higgins in the first round, and Davis, should they meet in the second round.



On target: A young, long-haired Steve Davis, pictured before he achieved his first world title, is now chasing his seventh world championship

Hendry certain his moment Davis in no mood has come to gain the title to give up crown

believes he can win the Em- It sparked the longest losing bassy world championship but says: "I will win it."

The 21-year-old from Scotland has captured five titles this season but believes that his victory over Steve Davis campaign next Tuesday in the Stormseal United King-dom final in Preston last richly talented French-Ca-December proved to him once nadian, said: "Beating Davis and for all that he is ready to in the UK final proved that take over from Davis as both I'm not frightened of anyone world champion and world and it proved to me that I can

The world and UK events are the most coveted titles people who were doubting me and, on the practice table. because they are played over would have thought I can't when I'm making a big break stretching back to October. are therefore, considered the either. But now I can see true test of an aspiring absolutely no reason at all why

Davis, who has won them "If I were in Davis's postition, having dominated the concealed his dislike of the usual best-of-nine-frame affairs, but had proved almost "I snouldn't." Sand. "I thought about that when it ition, having dominated the usual best-of-nine-frame affairs, but had proved almost "arch rival, Stephen Hendry, was reigning supreme while he world championship I was making a 60 break to win the UK final. If I never won the world championship I was in decline.

"If were in Davis's postition, having dominated the usual best-of-nine-frame affairs, but had proved almost matches, then to lose twice to wouldn't feel a failure, but I souldn't feel a failure, but I sou unbeatable in the longer me over a distance, I would matches before Hendry deseriously think of that as a feated him in the 1988 UK challenge to my supremacy. semi-finals and then again in "Davis hadn't won a tour-

In 1983, he had the crowd

on their feet once more when

he compiled the first - and

again so far the only -maximum 147 break in the

championship's history. He

reached the final that year,

too, but was soundly beaten

Only two years ago Thorburn made the semi-

18-6 by Steve Davis.

win the title.

run in Davis's career and gave Hendry the final proof that he was good enough to scale his

ltimate career peaks.

"These days he seems to Hendry, who begins his need three chances to win a ultimate career peaks. last the distance.

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a decline and, should he lose

his place in the top 16, it will

certainly cost him dearly, for

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nothing - then he will certainly raise his game at the Crucible.

frame instead of one and I certainly hope to be playing to a higher standard than that." It is endearing to learn that even sportsmen as eminently successful as Hendry still "If I hadn't won it a lot of world championship trophy

don't think that will happen, I retire at 25. But now he says:

"I'll keep on playing as long as That second successive de- the Benson and Hedges Irish I'm enjoying it."

Thorburn's make-or-break THE Embassy World Championship will be very much a
time of make-or-break for
field with the snooker world
Cliff Thorburg The County of the should that he had been
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Wilson of Weller Wilson, of Wales.

Theatre abounds with mem-ories for the 42-year-old from caine at the British Open a few ranking points I need; hell, I am just going out to play and let's see what happens," Thorburn said.

"I just wish I could get it right. I have a cue-alignment That ban helped precipitate problem. I thought it was my eyes but when I went to see the optician he told me my eyes were second to none; it was he will lose his place in the the worst good news I have Regal Scottish Masters, the ever had.

"I feel very good within myself, away from the table. The family is great and we are

STEPHEN Hendry not only feat had two important effects. Masters earlier this month - STEVE Davis will set out to not playing up to my form of,

and that cannot count for prove tomorrow at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, that he is not yet ready to abdicate as both Embassy world cham-

pion and world No. I. em-day record of seven world titles if, on April 29, he is again crowned as champion and the 32-year-old millionaire is once more the bookmakers' favourite.

1, however, ended the longest losing streak of his career, or clearance, I imagine I'm. Problems with his technique fatent of winning the world clearing up to win the final precipitated a crisis of con-championship. I have never frame of the world final," he fidence and, to make matters been anything but shaking like psychologically worse, his a leaf before the first round.

> season and although his form to be a serious threat to Davis's dominance.

at it differently, however, saying: "Hendry is only a that threat remains.

am going back to square one, tion: I thrive on the constant really. I am going to the world reassessing and reaffirming, thampionship not really the getting ready for a tournament and trying your guts out to win it.

difference between this season. "I think I have the technoland last.

a 125 Inter-City express and time. Lack of winning didn't ended up looking more like mean that had all gone. It just Ivor the Engine — until I went meant that I hadn't won for a to the Crucible that is. What while — it will take a lot more has happened to me needs to than that to send me into

say, 1982 or 83, but the overall standard was lower then and I could nick wins playing badly.
"If the flywheel had totally

Davis will establish a mod-fallen off it would have been a bitter pill to swallow but the reality is that the standard is better now and I am having to accept that. For me to win means I have to play better than average, whereas before I dream of glory. "It must be an Victory in the Benson and could get away with average. If amazing feeling to lift that Hedges Irish Masters on April I have a bad spell now I am much more likely to be pun-

hed than I used to be.

have never been con-

"It is a strange tournament because there are such long matches to get your teeth into and possibly there is a different motivation required, because the world champthink I will win it — this year." has slumped in recent weeks,
Hendry once said he would he is still considered by many
he is still considered by many

Looking ahead, Davis sees The world champion looks the game's honours being spread about during the 1990s.

You will still have some threat to me if we both get to players winning more than the final. The biggest threat to others but you may never me at the moment is Eddie again have the situation where Charlton, and until I have one player dominates, as Ray won our first-round match, Reardon did in the 70s and I did in the '80s.

that threat remains.

Thirty two players will "I still consider that I was start level at the Crucible and play a major part in the 1990s if I was thinking that it was I am not lacking in the drive to only between Hendry and ine do well nor in self belief.

Snooker is my natural vocation on the constant

od last. ogy, the ingredients, needed to be up there for a long, long

finals, before losing to Davis On Sunday night, Thorburn all having a great time — has happened to me needs to than that once more, but that year he will attempt to rekindle the except for daddy's snooker." be put into perspective. I am oblivion." television. It was also the record of winning the world title England, and Tony Chappel, of biggest audience that BBC2 six times. Davis's triumphs Wales. BIOGRAPHIES OF EIGHT LEADING PLAYERS AND FOUR WHO COULD CAUSE AN UPSET AT THE CRUCIBLE THEATRE

Cliff Thorburn. The Crucible shocked that he had been

Canada. It was there in 1980 weeks earlier, an offence for

that he became the first - and which he was heavily fined

so far only - non-Briton to and banned for two ranking





Wythenshawe Forum in Manchester, Ray Reardon beating
Alex Higgins 27-16.

The Crucible has been the pocketed a riere £6 10s

to Steve Davis in the final, eventually triumphed 18-17 on the only non-U K resident to win

million people watching, the biggest known audience to watch a sporting spectacle on television. It was also the

stage for many snooker (£6.50).

In 1983, Cliff Thorburn beat

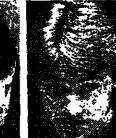
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JOHN PARROTT (Eng) STEPHEN HENDRY



STEVE DAVIS (Eng)
Age 32 World ranking
1. First round opponent, Eddie Chariton.
Sesson's prizement, Mark Bennett.
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For almost enyone else the winning of three important titles would suggest a fine season. For Davis, however, the gap between the second win, in October, and the third, on April 1, left many observers doubting his ability to win this sear's world title and record a modernical problems with technique and, therefore, with his confidence, but the recent victory lifted this and the book-makers' confidence to make him tavourite cace more.

JOHN PARROTT (Eng)
Age 25. World ranking
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Davis is, however, the only player to have won the title on

successive years at the Cru-

The Crucible role of honour:

1977: John Spencer. 1978: Ray Reardon. 1979: Terry Griffiths.

1980: Cliff Thorburn. 1981: Steve Davis. 1982: Alex Hig-gins. 1983: Davis. 1984: Davis 1985: Dennis Taylor. 1986: Joe Johnson. 1987: Davis. 1988:

Robidoux, will also be making his Crucible debut and other

Davis. 1989: Davis.

the only non-U K resident to win the world title, in 1980, and in 1983 he also became the only player to score a maximum 147 p











TERRY GRIFFTHS
(Wides)
Age 42. World ranking







A light touch by the quiet man of the sea



NEVER having sailed much more am not eligible to analyse results after five legs of the 33,000-mile Whithread Round the World Race. What I do know, first hand, is that a reaching (wind broadside or behind) mizzen staysail can enchantingly transform a boat's performance, like a square-rig sail. Peter Blake, ocean racing's foremost sailor, is

proving this with a vengeance. The day and a half overall lead which the New Zealander now has with Steinlager 2 after five legs is due primarily to two factors: the two-mast ketch rig, which critically favours three of the leading yachts including Fisher & Paykel and The Card, and his experience of multi-hull technique which he has adapted to such effect on a mono-hull.

Blake, who at 41 is approaching double figures for circumnaviga-tions with 400,000 miles logged during 20 years, is midway through a six-year, projected three-boat sponsorship with his New Zealand breweries group, Lion Nathan. Steinlager 1, a trimaran in which, hair-raisingly, he ways the 7,500. hair-raisingly, he won the 7,500-mile Round Australia Race two years ago, not only gave him the most exciting sailing he has ever known. It taught him some radical new approaches to the big, "maxi"

mono-hulls. On this race, Blake has almost abandoned the conventional use of down-wind spinnakers, aestheti-cally beautiful but cumbersome.



Instead, sailing slightly off the line of the wind in a series of S-bends, and using a large headsail and massive 3,000 square-foot staysail rigged amidship between mizzen and main mast - Steinlager 2 is achieving a valuable two to three knots more than with a spinnaker.

"Without this, we possibly wouldn't be winning," Blake says, sitting relaxed in a cafe on the dockside as the rest of the leaders of the fleet of 23 arrive at intervals of several hours. "The design computers said it wouldn't work, because they had no experience of ketch rigs. And the trimaran taught me the benefit of keeping the boat light changed the traditional way of sailing a mono-hull. In a multi-hull, the distribution of every kilo on board counts. Steinlager 2 is the most uncluttered of all the big boats, in layout and crew. Everything is in the right place. There are still lots of things in this race that people haven't thought about."

Blake is a thinking man. Although he is a national hero in a country obsessed with sailing, and is widely regarded as a fine leader, there is about him none of that expedient fanaticism or subdued frenzy that exists in such men as his America's Cup compatriot, Chris Dickson, or

gentlemanly Alec Rose mould, with the MBE for his services to the sport, and the romantic feel for the sea which he shares with his mentor, Robin Knox-Johnston; winner of the Sunday Times first singlehanded round the world race in

Ashore, for the first time in weeks after sailing 5,475 miles up the coast of South America, Blake is worried about being short with his two young children and their comparatively casual land life following his existence of no more than two hours sleep at a time and, even then,

Sailing almost since he could walk, Blake likes to travel from A to B, as opposed to sailing round the buoys, which is why the America's Cup never beckoned. He has done One Ton and Admirals' Cup events, but, "I didn't like the nit-picking and back-stabbing that is part of the America's Cup at times," he says.

His strategies are long-term; not, like one or two boats in the present race, calculating tactics by the hour rather than by the week, which led Rothman's, working by computer on the first leg with the chart folded, to find suddenly when they turned over that the Cape Verde Islands were obstructing their course to Punta del Este in Uruguay. Yet Blake's attention to detail, the

legacy of four previous Whitbreads, is as scrupulous as an America's Cup skipper's: regularly servicing the winches at sea, inspecting the

sail seams, plus detailed planning of crew clothing and food stores. During night watches, winches are anended every minute, with no static cleating (fixing) of sail sheets. He dearly would like to win at the fifth attempt - after finishing second in the last two races, in 1981-82 in Ceramco and 1985-86 in Lion - but will not be heart-broken if he

*These have been a fascinating few years, with room for some lateral thinking," he says, with the mood of the true sportsman, for whom taking part is as important as winning. He has, you sense, the measure of his life, which, when not afloat, he lives at Emsworth in Hampshire. There is a steady thoroughness, typified by the feat, in 1981, of sailing Ceramoo 3,700 Cape Town under jury (makeshift) rig after being dismasted, rather than retiring under engine to the

nearest port. With what seems to be a bizarre misjudgement, some other skippers, such as Lawrie Smith, have previously described Blake as not being a winner, but he shrugs off the criticism. "Perhaps their view may change," he says, without rancour.
"I don't think it's worth saying

things that antagonize anyone."

The romanticism in him yearns to build a radical, multi-hull Steinlager 3 that could emulate Verne's circumnavigation in 80

days. "Maybe 80 is not practical,"

he says on reflection. "But 90? That

would be something." In his mind's eye, he is already celebrating with champagne at the Jules Verne cafe in Paris, his young family around him: the last adventurer.

Yet he recognises that the America's Cup judgement in New York later this month may precipitate a counter attraction for public interest and sponsorship in two years' time: that his dream might have to be shelved for more pragmatic involvement in a home-waters America's Cup challenge as administrative organizer. "I'm not really qualified to skipper, but setting it up, that's a challenge," he says.

For the moment, Blake is concentrating on the next and final leg of the Whitbread, aware that the only thing likely to prevent victory is breakage or a collision. Stageracing is, in one sense, unfair: the first to arrive on one section has the most time to prepare for the next, and now he is busy making sure everything will be shipshape for the

"With 36 hours in hand, we can afford to be relaxed [on the final leg]," Blake says. "We won't break the boat up by driving it too hard. We don't have to stress the boat or the crew. It's a nice feeling. If we get 10 miles behind, we don't have to panic. But I won't say we have won till we cross the line.

Panic is the last thing you would expect of this man, who measures time not by the sound of hurrying feet, but by the subtle shift of the

Now Master Faldo plans a takeover of Norman's title

GREG Norman, still for the Faldo's historic trimuph, had away from Nick that he watch the last five holes.

"Nick got aggressive, which he had to, and he is helped begase of what a fabulous that 12 months ago, when he to put the green jacket on puter he is," Norman said, arrived here still pained by the Raymond after all that "That said, I have seen a missed two-foot put that led happened," swing. I admire the course he with David Leadbetter. He did not have confidence in his

confidence in the world and, I was doing and I said very importantly, the stock shot to hit under pressure." some sort of revenge here. If had not slept because of all the Faldo, who won the Heritage tournament in 1984, regains the title, he will move to No. 1 in the Sony world rankings as long as Norman is not runnerup. This will also be the case if he finishes second and Nor- friendly and that it simply man is out of the top seven.

you don't get lucky twice."

monumental change in his to his Masters defeat, that his temperament had been examtook in remodelling the swing ined: in Hoch's words, Faldo "put his foot in his mouth". Hoch said: "I was standing

finding it difficult to sleep. Norman was favourite to Nick said he knew exactly win the Masters and will want what I meant because he, too, television and press interviews he had given.

"You can imagine how ! felt. I had to bite my lip and turn away from him. I know that Nick was trying to be came out wrong. Craig Faldo's second successive Stadler, who was on the tee triumph in the Masters has with me, pointed out that he won him the respect of Scott did exactly the same with Dan Hoch; who a year ago rather Pohl after a Masters play-off disparagingly called him "the in 1982."

Inchest golfer in the world". Faldo

Hoch, beaten by Faldo in a ment. "I wanted to say some moment the world's No. 1, play-off at Augusta a year ago, thing to Scott because, as I did had high praise for Nick Faldo said yesterday: "I have not on the eve of the Heritage been a fan. I am now. I was felt for him," Faldo said. "The Classic that could lead to them impressed by how he won problem is that it is always switching rankings. Norman, against Ray Floyd last Sundifficult to find the right who missed the halfway cut at day. He has gone up in my words. I know now from the Augusta Masters, scene of estimation. It cannot be taken experience that if the boot was on the other foot I would interrupted a turkey shoot to showed a lot of character. It prefer it if somebody did not can be a fluke to do it once; speak to me for six months or so. I know that on Sunday it Hoch, however, disclosed would have been hard for me

> Hoch watched Faldo on the television in the locker room. "The trouble with Nick is that you need to get past his persona," Hoch said. "I adin the clubhouse and Nick mire him as a player even if he "He would be the first to came over to see me. He asked is not the most impressive olfer out here. I don't mean that in a derogatory sense. Quite simply, he is dull by virtue of his own consistency.

"Obviously, the most enter-taining golfer in the world today is Greg Norman. He, however, has not achieved what he should have done with his game; Nick has done more than one would have expected him to do with his. Nick isn't flash: he isn't overpowering.

"Jack Nicklaus wasn't duli because he could drive the ball for ever. But I would say that after the drives there is not much to separate Faldo and

Talking ship: The Princess Royal, president of the Royal Yachting Association, speaks with Rod Carr (left), the national coach, and Cliff Norbury, the chairman of the British sailing team, in London yesterday

Haul of Spanish gold within prospect

EXPRESSING the belief that yachting's success in the Olympics is already greater than most people suspect," The Princess Royal, president of the Royal Yachting Association, yesterday welcomed the largest ever package of sponsorship for the British Olympic effort, an-nounced in London by Rod

Carr, the national coach. David Sizer, a managing partner of Richard Ellis, the international property consultants and commercial chartered surveyors, said the company was committed to a three-year six-figure investment to bring home "a handsome baul of

players in the history of Eton Fives, are poised to compete for

their tenth successive amateur

championship title (a Special

Correspondent writes). This year's quarter-final victims, the

pair's hundredth in all, were despatched early last Sunday afternoon on the fives courts of

final, will have to wait until Easter Monday for the

hampionship's climax. Although hardly the most

codified early last century. Matthews and Reynolds, if successful in Saturday's semiship, the details of which are confidential but which is believed to be around £50,000 annually for three years, is in addition to the funding Olympic yachting receives from the Sports Council and the RYA. Carr said the first effect of the sponsorship would be to in-crease by 50 per cent the amount

available to "go out the door" to the competitors. Most of the direct grants will go to the Richard Ellis Elite squad, qualification for which will be achieved by finishing twelfth or better in a world championship in an Olympic class, or eighth or better in a European

By Malcolm McKeag

Spanish gold. The Richard Ellis sponsorPRESSING the belief that

Spanish gold. Championship. will no status.

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In Jones and Sue Hay, third in the women's 470 world champion-

ships in Japan last August; Brian Taylor and Robin Pascill, eighth the men's 470 world mpionships and Penny Way, third in the IYRU women' windsurfine world Importantly, Ellis grants will not be continually under threat of review, as are the Sports

Council grants, which means that once funded competitors will not have to re-qualify for a grant. A modest performance at a regatta, perhaps through experimenting with equipment,

funding, the Richard Ellis money will be used to set up winter training camps in Palma in 1990-91 and 1991-92 as winter training in Britain is hampered by the weather.

hydrographic survey of the waters off Barcelona - where the Olympic sailors will eventually have to race - will be under-taken, along with a detailed and secret programme of technical research into boats, sails and sailors go to the Games with equipment at least as good as that of their competitors.

YACHTING

Services' boat given fresh hope

From Barry Pickthall

THE arrival in Fort Lauderdale overnight of Charles Jourdan and Fortuna, the two light displacement Whitbread Round the World race yachts, half a day behind Satquote British Defend er, the Joint Services entry, has given fresh hope to the British crew on the final leg of this race

back to Southampton.
Fortuna, the Spanish Visiers
design which broke the 400-mile
barrier during the second Southern ocean stage of this race, suffers from the same lack of sail rival. The two yachts struggled across the finish line at the end of this 5,500-mile stage from Ureguay within an hour and a half of each other.

lege: Mand divisor: 1, Steinleger 2, 111:09-17: 2, Fisher 8 Paykel, 11:220-18; 3, Merit, 17:307-26; 4, Rothmens, 13:07-26; 5, The Card, 17:7-12:08; 8, Charles Jourden, 17:23:18; 7, Fortuna, 119:10-25; 8, Setzmade, 119:22-45; 10,

121:05:53; 12, Belmont Finland, 121:07:55.
LEADBIG POSITIONS: (compiled at 09:51 GMT yesterday, with miles to Fort Lauderdaie): Mand division: 13, Fazzis (S Novak, USSR), 85 miles; 14, Liverpool Enterprise (B Salmon, GS), 284. 0tv 2: 1, Equity & Liev (D Neutra, Neth.), 354. 0tv 2: 1, L'esprit de Liberte (P Taberty, Fr), 510; 2, Rucenor Sport (B Dubole, Bell, 555; 3, Maiden (T Edwards, GB), 738; 4, Schlussel von Bremen (Dr P Weidner, WG), 798; 5, La Posts (B Malle, Fr), 354. Cruleer div: 1, Creightons Naturally (3) Chitesenden, GB), 304; 2, With Insegrity (A Cognil, GB), 297.

Hopes riding high on Jacklin junior

THERE is no escape for Warren Jackin. He may not have to Christian name, as Jack Nicklaus jun. does, but the Surame: says it all. Smith or Jones it is not. In golfing terms it means a high profile and expectations of something beyoud the ordinary, the pressures that would be imposed on a young footballing Dalglish or a

nghyplaying Blanco.

lacklin is only 17 years old,

lacklin is only 18 years old,

lacklin is the English national final of the Golf Foundation team champfonthip for schools at Robin Hood today. He was to be one of Hood today. He was to be one of the lower handicappers on show, though by no means the lowest — Fraser Watson, of Southend High School for Boys, was off one and Joanne Hockiey, the only girl, representing Deben High School, Felixstowe, plays off three.

Jacklin was flying in from Spain to compete during half term and his father, Tony, hoped the competition would be good for his younger son. "We Play a lot and he's tremendously competitive. I can't enjoy it, he ries so hard. I give him his ndicap shots but he's young

. . .

and says yes, but we'll have a level match as well. But he's never beaten me level and I'll play as hard as I can to stop him

doing it.
"What he needs now is to see how good the other lads are. He needs to be beaten a few times by kids of his own age. He's a good lad. He's at the age where you're cocky, but then Peter Alliss keeps saying to me I wonder where he gets that

The young Jacklin has not had a lot of golf this year, but in August he will be going to Jacksonville College in Florida for two years on a golf scholar-shin. "You know, they pay some and you pay a lot," said his father, who won two Jackson-ville Opens in his heyday. "He'll be there for two years, long enough to know if golf or course design is to be his future." As for Warren's game, Jackin-

sen, gave this ass strong and he has no real weaknesses, except I don't like

All will be on display today, provided the son's sense of direction is better than the father's. He assumed Robin-Hood was in Nottingham. It is, in fact, near Birmingham, in Solihull to be exact. Got that,

Gallacher tip for **Curtis Cup**

BERNARD Gallacher, Europe's new Ryder Cup captain, yes-terday tipped Great Britain and ers to retain the Curtis Cup this

14, from which the team will be chosen to take on the United States at Somerset Hills, New Jersey, on July 28 and 29, Gallacher said: "In every way Gallacher said: 'In every way they were comparable with the squad of two years ago from which the winning team was selected for the match at Royal St George's."

days with the squad in Portugal, added: "The training session gave the girls the opportunity to play sunshine golf and launch their season on a demanding note and in conditions approaching those which might be experienced in America.

"The standard of the girls really impressed me and it is a tribute to the teaching they receive from their own pro-

Jill Thombill, the team captain, who played in the last three Curtis Cup matches, is also confident. "I believe we have which will do well in America,

FOOTBALL PORTRIS LEAGUE: First division: Black-bern v Oldham (7.0); Newcastle v Hoddersfield (7.0), Second division: Port Vale v Woharmampton (7.0); West Brom v Stoke 7.0

VALEGIALL LEAGUE: First divis Wembley v Wolding. WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wyc-ombe Wenderers v Wolling.

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCH: Lydney v Gloucester (7.0). RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Leight V Continions

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CYCLINO: Uleter Milk Race. GOLP: Foundation schools English lines (SCEHICA), (SCENE): Helneken Laegue: First children: Prey-offs: (8.15); Humberside v. Crevisient; Meowy v Stough.
MOTOR: CYCLEME: Speedway; Tour match: Microleobrough v Kulsvierne.

SPORT ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: BASKETBALL: Eurosport 7-9am: Screensport 11-30pm-1am: American

dred-thousands — Sunday's quarter-final opponents were professional athletes, albeit in another sport, lan Hutchinson and John Carr play or have played cricket for Middlesex, and play fives just for fun.

Both Matthews, a master at
Highgate School, in North
London, and Reynolds, a

been taken up with a passion in Nigeria, where the game is followed far more seriously than it ever has been here. Last year. Nigerians competed in the ama-teur championship for the first time. Although they were beaten in the second round, they may soon be a force to reckon with. TODAY'S FIXTURES

Calgary visit is awarded to Robertson

By Norman de Mesquita

has been named young British player of the year. His prize penses-paid trip to join the Calgary Flames for a fortnight's pre-season training.

jointly sponsored by the govern-ment of Alberta, Canadian Airlines International and Ice Hockey News Review.

10, graduated to the senior team at the beginning of the 1987-88 season and has represented Great Britain in world and European junior championships during the past four seasons. The award is the climax after six monthly awards, which

Robertson has won twice this season; in December when playing for Ayr Raiders and in March, having in the meantime returned to the Flyers. He sees the opportunity of

going to Canada as a great boost previous seasons have come back from Calgary better Our May issue carries the first

of a five part series; "Your complete guide to better golf," featuring lan Woosnam. It deals with all aspects of the game, from infringements of the rules to improving your technique. The whole set will be equally

useful to both high and low handicap players. As, of course, will the free Wilson Ultra, proven to be the longest distance golf ball on the

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CYCLING Unsponsored McHugh confident

By Peter Bryan

PETER McHigh, the British double professional track cham-mon, remains hopeful of finding backer for the season, but not before the opening meeting at Herne Hill tomorrow. McHigh spent cight weeks training in Australia earlier this trair and should go to the line with a listle more edge than his

Eddie Alexander, a former from the sport half way through amateur champson who repreamateur champion who represented Scotland in the Commonwealth Games this spint gold medal for Wales at year, is among McHugh's opposition with Erik Schoofs and Jerry Detant, respectively, the Belgian and Netherlands title holders.

The Herne Hill sprint winner last year, Joe Murns, who beat last year, Joe Murns, who beat offers returning from Anciland.

last year, Joe Murms, who beat she has lost none of her speed Alexander in the final, retired since returning from Auckland.

BOWLE: Bristol and West Char

journalist, learned the game at the City of London School, a private day school like most of the 30 or so listed in the Eton Fives Association Handbook.

common of sports - its enthu-siasts are numbered in the hundreds rather than the hun-

CRICKET: SKY ONE 3-10.35pm; West Indias v England: Pith Test Live coverage of the first day from Antique: BBCT 11.45pm-12.15am; Highlights of the first day of the Fifth Test.

CURLING: Eurosport 10-11pm: Highlight

HANDBALL: Enreport 5-Sprz: Highlints of the World champtoniships from ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 12.15-2.15ptrz Hational Hockey League: Play-offs.

MOTOR SPORT: Extreport 4.30-Som and 8.30-10.15pm: Highlights of the MSA GP from Attanta, and Cart PPG World series from Pheonix. POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 7-Sam.

IOBIL MOTOR SPORT HEWS: Eurospor

SKIRIG: Screensport 2.15-Spm: US pro-

ur. Highlights of the Phymouth pro-exional championables from Colorado.

TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurospor 10em: Sport from ground the world. UPDARE: Screensport 7.30pm.

Holders bid for tenth title bashing a small ball against their The 300 or so Eton Fives courts in England replicate one side of the chapel at Eton College. Although slowly in decline in this country, fives has

ICE HOCKEY

IAIN Robertson, of Fife Flyers,

The award, in its fifth year, is

Robertson, aged 20, has been playing ice hockey in his home town of Kirkcaldy since he was

to his career and agrees that those who have won the prize in

Injury upset for Gregory is tour bonus to Goulding

ONE man's bitter disappointment is so often another man's joy and the Wigan saga of Andy Gregory and Bobby Goulding the scrum halves, took an odd twist at Central Park yesterday with the announcement of the Great Britain team to tour Papua New Guinea and New Zealand this summer.

Gregory, who has been struggling to shake off a persistent groin injury, made himself available to tour, but Malcolm Reilly, the coach, and Maurice Lindsay, the tour director, had the painful task of telling him to stay at home and have an operation.

The inevitable choice of replacement was Goulding, the outstanding and cocky youngster, who was 18 in February and thus becomes the youngest Great Britain tourist. Lindsay said: "If Andy had been fit enough to tour, Bobby would not have gone

The choice of 28 players provides a host of talking points. Wigan's 10 is a record number for a tour, but this may be whittled down by the time the squad flies out Joe Lydon has a "floating bone in his ankle" which may need an operation, Platt has had a series of injuries this season, and Hampson has doubts whether he will be allowed a summer off his job as a drayman.

In addition, Hanley, the inspirational captain, has a

Wigan hit by injuries

WIGAN may yet have to pay a in a badly cut mouth, and with heavy price for their dramatic other players also nursing minor injuries, Wigan will be badly closest rivals, which brought them within one point of securing the championship on Tues-day (Keith Macklin writes).

day (Keith Macklin writes). They now look ahead to the Challenge Cup final at Wembley and a possible premiership to add to the Regal Trophy.

However, in a fiercely competitive match, Shaun Edwards broke his hand, Ellery Hanley worsened his pelvic injury, and Andrew Gregory aggregated his group injury to aggravated his groin injury to such an extent that he will miss the Great Britain summer tour to have an operation.

Adrian Shelford had stitches put goal.

Great Britain squad

of the Wigan team for half a season, and Edwards broke his hand in Tuesday night's match against Leeds. Until they get on the flight, Reilly and Lindsay will have worries at the back of their minds. Jonathan Davies and David

Bishop, the two former Welsh rugby union internationals, achieve ambitions by making the tour and there are three unexpected selections in the Hull pair - Eastwood, a wing. and Jackson, a hooker - and lan Smales, the versatile Featherstone Rovers utility player. Left out of the squad are Goodway, the Wigan forward, Beardmore, the Castleford hooker and Gerald Cordle, the Bradford North-

Four players declined in-vitations to join the party. The Hulme brothers, David and Paul, turned down the opportunity because of "per-sonal domestic reasons", Paul Newlove, the Featherstone Rovers back, because he apars to have lost his appetite for the game, and Drummond, the Warrington wing, because constant battle against the he is still bitter about being pelvic injury that kept him out removed from the 1988 tour.

> other players also nursing minor injuries. Wigan will be badly weakened for tomorrow's vital derby match at St Helens.
> Wigan's injury-wracked squad had to pull out every reserve of determination and courage on Tuesday before a 24,108 crowd at Central Park in a match delayed by crowd and traffic consession.

traffic congestion. They led 14-4 at half-time, with two tries by Preston, their winger, and four goals from Goulding against two penalties from Maskill, Leeds produced a second-half rally with a try by Cavill Heugh and two goals by Maskill, but Wigan held out with Goulding's late penalty

Magnificent men and their marathon-time dreams

Pluck and touch of runners' madness

By Michael Coleman

NOT every couple spend their wedding night relaxing to race a marathon next morning. And it is unusual for the Bishop of Lichfield to give five of his vicars a Sunday off so that they can do the same. But spring is in the air, it is time for the tenth edition of the London Marathon on April 22 and the running bug

has bit.

As Chris Brasher, the race director, put it in London yesterday when introducing some of the personalties of this year's event, sponsored by ADT, a "touch of madness" must possess those 34,000-plus who will in 10 days' time "submit their bodies to the touchest event on the Olympic. resumnt mear bodies to the toughest event on the Olympic calender." Blended with a generous helping of human goodwill, he could have added.

Enter a fully togged-out London fireman. Lloyd Scott

ran a year ago to get his body fit enough to withstand a bone marrow transplant. Leukaemia had been detected during a routine test he underwent after his lungs were filled with smoke while rescuing two children from a fire.

"When they told me I had leukaemia, I thought that's your lot," he said. The operation was such a success, however, that he is back in his job and running is back in his job and running too. His donor, Andrew Burgess, said: "After my cousin died of leukaemia I went on the donor register and I was happy when my name came up."

Sue Tully, from Eastenders, came paw in paw with Brian the Lion and Paddington Bear, who will sweat it out in full costumes for Acion Bears her the

will sweat it out in hull costumes for Action Research for the Crippled Child. Brian has raised £500. Miss Tully is going for a million. "Why not? We'll go for a nice round figure," she said.

Four years ago, Bill Levick propelled his wheelchair 2,250 miles from Istanbul to Richingham, encountering go

obstacles until the potterman Banbury, who said: "Sorry, you can't push that chair down here, sir." To which Levick, as politely as possible, answered: "If you think that after 2,000 miles through Europe, you're going to stop me now, no way!"
In bridal veil came Sonia

Haynes, accompanied by Ian Phillips, who will wed in Christ Church, Chettenham, on mara-thon eve before rushing to London to catch an early night Lordon to catch an earry night before the next morning's exertions. "We shall run sepa-rate races but meet at the finish under the P [for Phillips] ren-dezvous tree," she said. Reaching for the sky in dona-tions on this, the 50th anniver-case of the Bartle of Beiran will

sary of the Battle of Britain, will be Gary Brown, an RAF recruiting officer, who will run dressed as Biggles: goggles, flying hel-met, moustache, silk scarf and all, and Wing Commander Peter Chadwick, who has timed the marathon to conclude his 25 years of flying rescue



Supreme test for Galloway in drag race

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

IN HIS own world of sport, Peter Galloway is on the third leg of the grand slam. He was a Manchester under-18 breaststroke champion before turning to rugby union. One appearance for Coventry first XV meant: "I fulfilled my potential as a scrum half." Now for the ADT London Marathon. Once that is out of the way only the parachute

Galloway sees the marathon as "the supreme test of the body" and the parachute jump as "the supreme test of the mind". The supreme test of cheek came six years ago after his wife had asked him to take her place in a 10-kilometre run and save her sponsorship for a

local play group.

The race was for women only.

The bold Galloway, untrained and new to the sport, turned up for registration in wig, make-up and nightie to plead for per-mission to take part.

mission to take part.

"My wife got injured and the sponsorship money was in dan-ger of being lost," Galloway said. "I got some peculiar looks standing in the queue and the reaction at first was hostile. But I made it clear what I was doing and that I would not get in their way. They said I could join in and I raised about £100." Five marathons and a run

from John o'Groats to Lands End later, Galloway will, on Sunday week, hope to raise substantially more for The Samaritans as a member of the 12-strong team running for The branches and, each year, receive third larg

UNISYS ADT London

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London Marathon Appeal. The days of wigs and nighties are over. Respectable dress and a respectable time are the order of the day. "My target is to run under two hours 50 minutes," Galloway said. In other words among the leading five per cent. His 76min 56sec in the recent Fleet half marathon augurs well. After his initiation in the Women's Own 10km, he spent two
years "playing around with the
sport". Serious training brought
his best marathon time down to 2hr 57sec last year. He has the background. He was in a team of

to John o'Groats with a bit The Samaritans we took in as many local branches as possible," Galloway said. That pushed the distance up from 850 to over 1,000 miles, "I did 15 miles a day for 17 days." No publish and for samane who problem, not for someone who, at 14, was part of a schoolboy

eight which ran from Lands End

100 calls for every tunner entered for this year's London. In the time it takes the winner to get from Greenwich to West minster, somebody in Britain will have taken his or her life.
"There is a suicide every two hours in Britain." Galloway said. "The Samaritans' regret is that they do not able to be the taken the same alternative. that they do not always have the resources and facilities to help all those who need help.

Galloway, aged 38, has chosen to support the Samaritans because "there seems to be an affinity between long distance running and the loneliness of it which Alan Sillitoe made famous, and the loneliness which many of the Samaritans' clients many of the Samaritans' clients experience." In the London Marathon, though, no one is lonely and Galloway will be part of a world record field. Assuming of course, that he avoids injury and makes it to the start. One wonders if his wife is prepared to return the favour.

The Times and Unisys hope that, by featuring the efforts of our 12 fund runners, we will help them find sponsorship. If heip them find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more of the them, write, clearly stating your beneficiaries, to The Times-Unisys London Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, The Times, 1, Pennington Street, London Et 9XN. We will send on your donations.

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through the floor of the stand!

Sir, D. B. Ziff is quite right (Sports Letters, April 5). English press and television coverage of sporting events is far from impartial, it is strange how the idea persists that the Maradona

"goal", to which he refers, robbed England of victory. The

England would still have had to score again is totally overlooked.

A central feature of the press coverage at the time was the

This had very much the same hazy ambiguity as those snaps

first defeat on foreign soil was in Madrid in 1929. Spain woo 4-3

and our press blamed the whole business on the heat of the day!

Yours truly

Yours faithfully,

Kent

J C E MURRAY, 62 Tonbridge Road,

From Mr V Gormally



SPORTS LETTERS Over rates and the question of suspensions

From Mr J Slater Sir, The problem of slow over-rates in Test match cricket has received renewed interest with the series in West Indies.

The authorities and observers have variously proposed enforcing an agreed over-rate by either imposing a fine for failure to reach a required rate, or some scheme (with many variations on this theme) of adding runs as extras to the batting side as compensation for lost opportunines. The former would introduce disagreeable levels of artificiality into the business of

Scoring runs.

As far as I am aware, the following suggestion has not been propounded. An agreed over-rate per hour is set before the match. If at the end of one hour's play, the required over-rate has not been reached, the barting side can nominate one bowler to be suspended from bowling for the remainder of the day's play. If at the end of the second hour, the rate for that hour is still below the agreed rate, then a second bowler can be suspended. And so on. This scheme would handican the bowling side such that its regular bowlers would have more work to do, tire more quickly and in all probability be easier to score off. Alternatively, second-string or occasional bowlers would be

pressed into action, again makring it easier to score runs.

This scheme has several advantages. First, nothing will concentrate the mind of the bowling side more effectively at the time than the prospect of being denied the services of their best bowlers. Second, bats-men score real runs, to the physical action rather than Third, it keeps the over-rate at the required level throughout the five days of a Test match. Fourth, it is well within the spirit of existing laws: a bowler can be suspended for persis-tently running down the wicket

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an act which creates an equivalent disadvantage to the batsmen and the bowling side when suspended. Fifth, all

events happen in real time, and not in the scorer's tent following complex mathematical calcula-tions. And finally, it is a scheme which could be easily communicated to the crowd.

Many variations can be argued about: for example, should it be an over-rate per bour, per session or per day? What does one do about excess overs per hour - carry forward to periods of slower rates? Yours faithfully JAMES SLATER,

38 Heol-y-Delyn, Lisvane,

From Mr N E J Wylie Sir, The depths have now been plumbed. It was bad enough when Gooch averred after the previous Test match that the. England team would have followed the same despicable tac-tics as the West Indians if it had been necessary; it is worse now that it has apparently done so, but when an umpire is appar-ently intimidated into changing his decision the end has been

I am sorry for the man concerned: life would have been intolerable for him if he had not yielded, but if, as we have no reason to doubt, he is a decent

reason to troub, he is a decent man, it will be equally intol-erable now for different reasons. But for financial consid-erations it would be best for this tour to be terminated at once. If cricket cannot be played decently, it were better not played at all.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, N E J WYLLE 12 Marine Terrace. Liverpool

From Mr J Cox Simon Barnes's strictures on the English cricket supporters in Bridgetown (Sports Diary, April

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7) are unjustified. Mr Barnes should not judge by appearance

I have just come back from Barbados, where I saw the oneday international and the first day of the Fourth Test from the 3Ws stand, much favoured, though not exclusively, by Eng-

lish supporters.

We may have left something to be desired sartorially, though our bird's-eye view of the press enclosure suggested that Mr Barnes and his colleagues have little to boast about in this department. We did consume a considerable quantity of Mr Banks's local product.

But the beer tent was attended by an orderly queue, and this was an ancillary attraction and not the main purpose of the event. From my observations, the spectators, both Barbadian and British, were knowledge-able, good-humoured and, though partisan, equally willing to acknowledge good play by

It was a fusion of nations, races and opposing supporters which was an object lesson to anyone concerned with race relations or sporting etiquette here at home. Yours faithfully,

JAMES COX, Park Cottage. 22 Kew Foot Road, Richmond,

From Mr D J Curtis Sir, England have lost all of the

one-day international matches in the West Indies. Upon each occasion England have batted first; it is common opinion that generally the team batting first one-day matches is at a

Is it not time that in a twoteam series the captains should toss before the first match for choice of batting or fielding first, and then to take turns (until the last of an odd-numbered series of matches, when there will be a

Yours faithfully, DJ CURTIS, West Wickham.

Kent From Mr Oliver Gravell Sir, At my level of cricket we have a solution to the problem of difficult fixtures. When there is a club which regularly beats us and against which no one really enjoys playing, we wait until we can inflict a rare defeat on them and then promptly drop the

Given England's recent successes and the resulting display of bad sportsmanship by the West Indies, perhaps the TCCB should consider adopting the Yours sincerely. OLIVER GRAVELL

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The policy of admission

From Mr Guy Pooley Sir, As a member of the last three Cambridge University Boat Race crews, it is always interesting to hear and read the numerous post-race comments on the disparity in talent avail-

able to the two universities. Certainly, there was an inequality in age, experience and individual ability between the two squads, but the question is not one of which students at each university should be eli-gible to compete, it is one of

admission policy.

Given the choice of establishments, any sensible entrant will be attracted to the dominant university. It has simply been harder to get into Cambridge as an oarsman. Indeed, in some cases it may have even been a

disadvantage.

Unsuccessful applicants to
Cambridge have been admitted
at Oxford and a number of dark at Oxford and a number of dark blue rowers have left without a qualification. Even one of the Oxford coaches is quoted in *The Times* as admitting that one prominent member of his crew "can't do anything but pail." None of the Cambridge oars-men that I have had the privilege to row with have left privilege to row with have left without graduating. In fact, there are a good sprinkling of firsts and upper seconds among

I do not think that the Boat Race rules need changing, and, especially after this year's race, I am confident that the light blue boat will soon be first to cross the line at Mortlake. Yours faithfully, GUY POOLEY,

St John's College, Cambridge.

Minimising luck From Mr John H Lee

Sir, O fortuna, velut hata, statu variabilis . . . vita detestabilis. Thus the opening lines of Carmina Burana — Luck, Empress of the World. It would seem desirable to minimize the influence of fortune when devising the rules of games. Accordingly I propose the following: Cricket: Abolish the leg bye. Why should a team score a run from a haphazard deflection of the ball by the batsman's anat-

Ouestion of attire From Mr J C Marshall

fieldsmen can predict this.

omy? No tactical placing of

Sir, in answer to Mr Heneage Finch's query (April 5) about the dress worn by boys playing football at Rugby School in the 1820s, I feel the most reliable evidence appears in Mr M. H. Bloxham's article in the school magazine, The Meteor, in 1880.
Writing about football at Rugby in the 1820s, he says: "As to costume, there were neither In reply to Mr Richard flannels or caps; the players Green's question in the same simply doffed their hats and section of Sports Letters, I can

Admirable generosity in defeat

Sir, As a Crystal Palace follower lucky enough to have been at the extraordinary semi-final at Villa Park, I would like to thank the Liverpool supporters whose warm generosity in defeat was

Long after the Liverpool players had left the Villa Park pitch, I noticed that the vast majority of their supporters were still applauding the Palace team. British football is a game whose adherents have constantly and for the most part unjustly been lambasted and dehumanized. If all devotees of the game could adopt the dignity and goodwill shown by Liverpool's followers snown by Liverpood's followers yesterday, it need not be — as one publication dubbed it following the Hillsborough tragedy — The Game that Died.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP MOORE

West Wimbledon.

From Mr J E C Murray Sir, Your report on the reprieve granted to Scottish clubs concerning the timetable for the introduction of all-seated stadia (April 6) reminded me of an occasion some years ago when I visited the first all-seated, under-cover stadium in Britain,

It was, and probably still is, the custom of Aberdeen supporters to stand up and pland when someone scored. I was unaware of this and when everyone around me suddenly

V GORMALLY Croft House, Scally, Scarborough, North Yorkshire. stood as one man I underwent a Tennis: Abolish the net cord valid shot. The object is to clear the net, and any shot which

be a point against the player making it. The subsequent path of the ball after deflection by the net cord is unpredictable. A pet. cord serve would be a fault. Rugby League: When a tackle is made, the ball should be given to the team achieving the tackle. This would affect the game fundamentally, but surely some reward is due to the succes tackler. I am sure that this change would result in more passing and avoidance moves.

the above quotation is taken,

act of rebellion.

touches the top of the net should

Snooker. The unintentional potting of the wrong colour should count against the player making it but should not result in the end of the break.

Hockey: Any shot struck from side the circle which goes into the goal should score. After all, the goal has certain dimensions so any part of it should count. The goalkseper wears protective clothing Yours etc

JOHN H LEE, 34 Gretton Court,

coats, or jackets, which were heaped together on either side assure him that it has been known for some time that William Webb Ellis was buried near the goals till the game was at Menton. In 1973, to mark the Mr Bloxham had entered the 150th anniversary of his show-ing a fine disregard for the rules of the game as played in his time, a fifteen of past and present Rugheians visited Menschool as a boy in 1813, lived much of his life in Rugby and was a distinguished antiquarian: It is in the article, from which

ton to play (and defeat) a local

that the first mention is made in print of William Webb Ellis's Yours faithfully IOHN MARSHALL Rugby



Yesterday's racing results

Ascot

2.0 (2m 4f hdie) 1, STRATFORD PONDS-(J Ogborne, 4-5 fav; Pdende Handicap-per's top rating); 2, Pontervechie Nette (C Dempsty, 5-1); 3, Sig Ried (H Dewise, 14-1), ALSC: 15-2 Vaboyas (4th), 8 Acre 188 (5th), 20 Cive House (6th), 5 Sauth Collage (pu), 7 rav. 254, 31, 3t btd, 4, 251 O Sharwood at I Lione: Lambouro. Tote

24.44.

2.30 (Sm cb) 1, BIZAGE MOTORS (M Pimes, 5-1); 2, Goldine Fox (M Perrett, 10-1); 3, A Led lessene (A Tory, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 9-2 tav Floyal Betlery (4th), 6 Corusciae (pp.), 7 Flushing Sands (Sth, 15-2 Young Beuerd (f), 8 Speech (un), 12 Lover BE, 18 Kellyan, 20 Grand Inquisitor, 33 Little General, 40 Another Troup (8th), 50 Restreamer, 14 ran, MFL Mandrald Shuffle, Sara Peg. Hd, 101, 101, 2, 8t. Mrs J. Pimen at Upper Lambourn. Total: 25 th); 21.80, 22.00, 24.00. DP: 233.00. CSP: 259.99:

2.5 (2m 4f ch) 1, SWORD SEACH (L. Wyer, 6-4 fav); 2, Communicate (Puter Hobbs, 7-4); 3, Spirited Holmen (R. Durmocody, 14-1), 4150 FlAAK 4 Going Gets Tough (ur), 25 Sen Ovec (f), 100 Str. Shot (46t), 6 ran., 301, 301, dist. M H Enelerby at Great Heithon. Total: 22-30; £1.50, £1.20 DF: £1.50, CSF; 24.13. 3.36 (2m bdie) 1; AMEASSADON (P Scudemore, 5-1); 2; Smart Performer (G McCourt, 11-10 fav); 3; Windsound Less (N Mann, 11-2); ALSO RAN: 7 Tebitio (80); 8-1 Kind'A Smart Seib; 12 Kesti (4th); 6 no. 1%1, 1%1, 1%; 8; 20; M Pjos et Weilington, Toler 24,10; 22.20, 21.50, DF; 23,60, CSF; 210.36.

which used to be produced from time to time to prove the existence of the Loch Ness 4.5 (3m holie) 1, PUCADOR (Peter Hobbs, 5-1); 2, Attentions (N Williamson, 10-1); 3, Reach, Me Doven (W McFarland, 9-2). ALSO RAM: 7-2 tev Staghound, 7-7 Rogers. Princess, 9 Record Fight, 10 Master Barn (Rth.), 12. Another Schedus (Rth.), 14. Princevolustrances (Sth.), 25 Denti John, 100 County Singer (pd.), 11 ran. 81, 11, 141, 71, 51. P. Hobbs at Minsheed, Toter 24,40; E150, E240, E150, DF. E16.80. CSP: 646.32. Tricast E218.25. It seemed, nonetheless, to satisfy the nation's need at the There is nothing new in this national churlishness. England's

4.40 (2m et ch) 1, BUCKHORDI (Ner R Buckler, 12-1); 2, Parmago (Ne A Ferrant, 17-6; 3, Rimancle Lad Briss C Thomas, 18-6 na), ALSO RAN 9-2 John Sam (ur), 6 Political Judge (401), 10 Ragedian (ur), 33 Parmarold (pu), 7 nn. NR. Sunnannas, 11, 10, dist. R. Buckler at Bridgert, Total 212.50; 28.90, 21.80. DF: 225.90. CSP. 242.13. 942.13.
5-15 (2m flat) 1, BOLLINGER (G Rows, 5-15-2, Cassior Sub (C étainte, 5-15-3, Bigner Hill (T Pinfield, 12-1), ALSO RAN-5-5, 1sv Wanner Sub, 9-2 Barmons, 8-1 Queen Of Sparta, 10 Uncte Paris. 14 Miss Chicara, 33 Thobathelis, Harvest Pair (80), Juden, Rose Of The Glan (40), 12 ran, 12, 11, 151, 8, 2, J. Glifford at Findon, Tota: 27-30, 92-00, 92-70, 92-80, 97-537-50, 085-240,87

5.50 (2m Rel) 1, PPERTS SON (P Holley, 4-1); 2; Cacthe Pher (M Foster, 6-1); 3; Draise (S Harris, 50-1); ALSO RAM: 7-4 (av Pesty Rel», 3 Strate, 50-1); ALSO RAM: 7-4 (av Pesty Rel», 3 Strate, 14 Clarma's Lect (4th), Connie's Pet (5th), 25 Str. Of Chanca (5th), 83 Henry Mejor, Just Hilliger, Lachmose, 50 Phinos Greenia, Magastic Silver, 13 cm. NFt. Bishops Acok, Canoctan, 15, 81, 83, 151, M Bradistook of East Gerston, Tota, 27, 10; 21, 80, 52, 40, 210, 80, 917, 423, 80, 657; 222, 16. kpd: 217,472.86. Plecupot: 2101.70.

Ripon

2.16 (80 1; CASE LAW (B Laon, 5-1); 2; 16ght At See (D Duranchia, 1-2 fav); 3; 18noint Pittern (G Hunband, 35-1). ALSO led. M. Prescott at Newmarket. Total: 65.00. DF. 21.60. CSP. 27.77. DF. 21.00. CSP. 27.77.

2.46 (Find 1, YOUNG GEOMGE (K Philon, 100-30); 2. Nothing's Free (K Darley, 3-1 tee); 3. Nethampy (E Gases), 14-1). ALSO RANE 5 Rooy's of Facilisti (Rth. 7 Dundard Lodge) Free Born 2000, 107 Ales Alosze, 11 Mytordateyor, 20 Enchange Feyes (800), 25 Philiathy, 10 ran. 34, 10, 1d, 2, 3. A Resignon at Bioformond. Total 24, 20. E1.10. 21.50. E7.20. DF: 25.00. CSF: 213.43. Titeast: 213.48. Nobid. 2.15 (in: 47 70xd) 1; MATIVE FLAR (S. Cauthon, P.2); 2; Freecoladdo (I. Dottor) 8-1); 8; Anderse (K. Fellon, 9-1); ALSO RANK 7-4 fev Daring Times (Rh); 15-2 Mo (chi. Do., F Buildon; 10 Bold Republic (Brit), 14 (vorcelld (SN), 25 Radish, 7 Lemon,

16 Kirstenbosch, First Vistage, Dori-Shining, 25 Cost Effective, Eurobiate, Hot-Performer (bbt), Royal Scots Grays, Finite, Stoy Design (5th), 15 ran. 11, 51, 192, 295, 21, 40, 22, 52, 52, 70, 0F: 24,50, CSF, 26,31, Tricast 54,55. 4.20 (SI) 1, SATALITE BOY (K Darley, 8-); 2, Shamie's Special (G Hind, 5-2 tar); , Marie Grazie (A Munro, 5-1). ALSO VAN: 3 Drawns Eyes, 8 Godscham, 12 FOAN: 3 Dresses Sytes, 5 Godschister, 12 Bridge Builder (4th), She's Smart [Sth, 14 Wheer's Carol (8th), 25 Cuestack Melody, Shepherd's Song, Ryedels Lass, Soverals-Clare, 35 Frozock, Watto, Blazing Horse-shoe, Stersta Gral, Severals Princess, 17 ton, NE: Evolution Extreme at het 4

4.50 (im 1) 1, RENE D'BEAUTE (S 4.50 (1m 1) 1, REINE D'BEAUTE (5 Cauthen, 5-4 fev); 2. Devenor (5t) (M Birch, 14-1); 3, Custing Note (N Caracci, 4), 1). ALSO FAN: 9-2 Karazzin (5th), 8 Shell (7th, 17-2 Tare Dividend (4st), 53 Majitotte (8th), 50 March Above, 200 Redder Sers: 9 ran. 2, ½1, 1, ½1, 11, H Cocil, at Novementest. Tota: 92.50; 91.20, 92.90, 91.50. DF: 938.30. CSF: £17.73. Placepot: 285.10,

Worcester

first frigients sheds note to book spe 2.15 (2m. hdle) 1, Bestoner Sheet (S. Smith Excles, 6-5 tar); 2, Jane Craig (13-2); 3, Innovator (12-1), 12 ran. 19, 25. J. Wardle, Tota; 22.20; 51.40, 51.30, 55.30, DP. 66.50, CSP; 29.50.

2.45 (2m.ch) 1, Cantorial (M. Jorna, 9-2); 2, Kinch Wild (5-4.50; 3, Desporatio B); 2.46 (2m ctr) 1, Casserini (M Jorne, 9-2); 14 Higgs Wild, 5-4 Hor); 3, Democratic Boy 11-1), Stan, 8, 3, C Pophson, Tota: 28.74; 22.10, 21,40, DF: \$4.20, CSF: 28.85. 28.05. 3.45 (Sm ch) 1, January (Wirkin, 12-1) 2, Smrhat Roo(10-1); 3, Abstoy (2-1 left 6-rat. 1), 2, W Holden, Tota: 27-30; 52-20, 21.06; 6, 120. OP. 494.10. GBP £162.5A Tricast: 2298.50.

5.15 (2m 4f hole) 1, Welk Of 186 (1 Lower, 13-0; 2, Casch The Cross (5-8m), 3, Wilconson (14-1), 4 ran. 187: Smooth Start, 5, 2, M Pipe. Tota: 22.50. \$1.20. (SP: 23.21. Pacopot: 225.50.

Steve Smith Eccles yearneds reached 50 winners for the same time in his career was decimal. Beckman Street won division. one of the Swansea Novice Hurdle at Worcester.



To the Paris

To the same of

Eton Lad set to lead profitable Cecil's colt meeting for Eddery brothers

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

FOLLOWING the Eddery brothers should prove profitable once again today at Ripon where the champion Jockey, Pat, can land a first slowly. and last race double with Eten Lad (2.15) and Evening Star (4.45). In between, younger (4.45). In between, younger because Shannon Flood, the brother Paul can strike with mount of Cash Asmussen, Segar The Pili (4.15).

After promising runs at Newmarket last autumn and Leicester this spring, Eton Lad is napped to win the Aldborough Maiden Stakes despite the presence of the Henry Cecil-trained Saumarez, ridden by Steve

At Newmarket last year, Eton Lad was runner-up over today's distance to Treble Eight, a horse held in considerable regard by his trainer, Michael Jarvis. Later, over a hopeful that the champion farlong shorter, my nap fin-ished third to Enharmonic Langthorpe Handicap for him Childrey at Leicester, on Colin Seller. But here I allowed to rest idly on her the first time today.

By Mandarin

2.15 ETON LAD (nap).

2.45 Ghadbbaan.
3.15 Letsbeonestaboutit.

boasted by Saumarez, who Newcastle first time out, was finished only fourth at beaten in a finish of heads and Leicester last Autumn, beaten necks for a claiming race

But to paint this as a twohorse race would be wrong by the handicapper. must be respected on his close makes a quick reappearance debut third at Doncaster for the Roccliffe Stakes, evokwhere he was beaten half a ing memories of his trainer length and a head by Iksab and Bill O'Gorman's good two-King Arbro.

The manner in which Evening Affair, my selection for profitable. Timeless Times the Kirby Hill Handicap, ran may never be as good as away with a similar, but Provideo, but the way he shorter, race on firm ground at overcame trouble in running Wolverhampton last autumn on the Midlands track sugencourages her trainer Ron
Boss to think that today's for him at Keeneland last year

winning tally for the season to
gested that the \$15,000 paid
48 at Kelso on Monday, can
for him at Keeneland last year

reach his first half-century longer trip will prove ideal now that she is a year older.

By Michael Seely 2.15 Saumarez. 2.45 Ghadbbean. 3.45 TIMELESS TIMES (nap).

2.15 ALDBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,150: 1m) (19 runners)

By Our Newmarket

2.15 Eton Lad.

3.15 Grand Blush 3.45 Timeless Times. 4.15 ROCK FACE (nap).

six lengths albeit after starting against useful opposition.

That leads me to think that he has not been treated harshly

> Timeless Times, a winner at Wolverhampton on Monday, year-old Provideo, whose career was as active as it was

ow that she is a year older. Able Vale, bought in for and Glass Mountain (3.30) at The Newmarket trainer is 4,500 gainess after winning a Southwell. seller on the Flat at Wolverhampton on Tuesday, is another who is not being

where he was beaten a total of prefer Paul Eddery's prospects lannels. She has been declared % lengths.

on Sugar The Pill, who alfor the Easter Conditional The form is better than that though he only fifth at Jockeys' Novices' Selling Hurdle at Taunton.

also at Wolverhampton four weeks ago, Richard Holder's mare could well be up to beating even Fit For Council, Martin Pipe's selected runner from four entries.

I also like the look of Gay Edition's chance of winning the United Kitchens Handicap Chase on the Somerset track for local trainer Philip

Finally, George Moore, the Middleham trainer who reached a career best when South Cross and Stags Fell took his thanks to Colombiere (2.0)

Blinkered first time

3.15 MARKINGTON HANDICAP (£3,915: 6f) (10 runners)

doubtful for classic

BE MY Chief could miss the 2,000 Guineas after a disappointing work-out on the Limekilns at Newmarket yes-terday. He covered seven furlongs with Shavian but failed to

Steve Cauthen said: "I saw Be My Chief being worked over seven furlongs this morning and he was not at his best. He worked lazily and just did not appear to like the ground. There is probably a 60 per cent chance of him running in the Guineas at

"He has just not come to himself," Henry Cecil, his trainer, added. "We will have to see how he goes before deciding

on the next step."
Ladbrokes and Corals have taken Be My Chief out of their 2,000 Guineas betting. Market moves concerned Be My Chief's stable companion Shavian, Cec-il's probable representative in next Thursday's Craven Stakes at Newmarket. Shavian is now as low as 10-1 with Ladbrokes. André Fabre is considering sending Jade Robbery, quoted at 10-1 by Ladbrokes for the 2,000 Guiness, for the Prix de Fontainebleau at Longchamp on Monday in preference to the



Bizage Motors (Mark Pitman) clears the last on the way to victory in the £10,000

Sword Beach sets record as **Comandante stages go-slow**

SWORD Beach made the long for Stratford Ponds in the Lily Pitman took it up approaching journey from Peter Easterby's Yorkshire stable pay when win-ning the Bollinger Champagne Novices' Chase at Ascot yes-

quickly set. Comandante, the second favourite to Sword Beach, seemed reluctant to start and lost many lengths to the front-running Sword Beach. Al-though he had made up the ground by the sixth fence, he was never able to get to grips with the winner, who, despite several mistakes, ran out a 30ength winner in a course record

Easterby was not present but Lorcan Wyer, the winning jockey, said: "He got close to one or two, but he never gave me a moment's anxiety. Ba-sically he loves that ground. I didn't know bow far I was in

Tree Novices' Hurdle. A fortnight ago Stratford Ponds had
been beaten into second place
here by Babil, after leading early
in the second last and Bizzge
Motors looked an assured winner until idling on the run-in,
giving Golden Fox the chance to in the straight.

This time Jamie Osborne timed his run to perfection, taking up the running on the 6-4 on favourite approaching the last to win by 2½ lengths. It was trainer Oliver Sher-

wood's 53rd winner of the

season, equalling his best of last season. "He's very honest," Sherwood said, refuting claims that the five-year-old may be less than genuine. "Last time it was my fault, I told Jamie to go out and worry Babil. But he said that the horse

needed to be held up, and he was right. The plan is to take him to Punchestown for the BMW Hurdle in a fortnight's time."

Jenny Pitman, fresh from a successful Liverpool meeting, carried on her winning ways

reduce the winning margin to a head. It was still, however, a course record time.

David Stait, representing Mrs Pitman, said: "The horse has had his problems, but he's always been a good jumper. He'll run a couple of times more before the end of the season."

Peter Scudamore recorded his 163rd winner of the term when Ambassador won the Trillium Handicap Hurdle. Trainer Martin Pipe missed seeing his 173rd victory, spending the morning organizing visas at the United States Embassy for Regal Ambition's challenge on the Dueling Grounds International in Kentucky later this month.

• Moody Man, due to join American trainer Paul Fout on Monday after his £100.000 pur-chase from Philip Hobbs, will

Cauthen in Ground to govern form with Desert Orchid run double

STEVE Cauthen took his score for the season to seven when completing a double on Native Flair and Reine D'Beaute at Discourse at the control of the season to seven when close watch on the weather ground he will run, it is as before deciding whether Desert orchid will run in the Jameson yesterday. The five-year-old mare Na-

tive Flair, Robert Armstrong's first runner on turf this season. will now be retired after her win in the Studley Royal Handicap. Reine D'Beaute, trained by Henry Cecil, made all and quickened clear to land the Spa Welter Graduation Stakes.

Jimmy Etherington, the Malton trainer, maintained his 100 per cent record this season when Satalite Boy made it three winners from three runners in the Fountains Auction Stakes.

Kevin Darley put up IIb over-weight on Satalite Boy. Walter Swinburn won on his only ride of the afternoon, John Gosden's Amana River in the Grewelthorpe Handicap. Jeremy Noseda, Gosden's assis-tant, said: "She is in the 1,000 Guineas but we will have to see how she is when we get her home before deciding future

Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse on Easter Monday. Although a course spokesman yesterday described the going as "nearly perfect", Elsworth is reluctant to commit himself

"The question of the ground is a very grey area," he said yesterday. "It could be a close decision as to what is acceptable and what is not it may even come down to the morning of the race before we make our

minds up." The going will also decide the participation of The Thinker and Yahoo, the two other English challengers. Arthur Stephenson, who withdrew The Thinker from last weekend's Grand National because of firm

going, will delay a decision until

John Edwards, Yahoo's trai-

ner, is also hoping for rain for

his charge, who has a marked preference for soft ground. The ground is officially good at the moment with a forecast of dry weather before rain on Saturday. The local view is that the ground is unlikely to change significantly between now and

Looking ahead to the Whit-bread Gold Cup, Mr Frisk, the Grand National winner, is likely to attempt to become the first horse to complete the Aintree-Sandown big-race double on April 28. Not since Nicolaus Silver in 1961 has a Grand National winner tackled the Whitbread in the same season.

Big-race acceptors

JAMESON RISH GRAND NATIONAL (Handicep chase: Int 100,000: 3m 4) (25 five-day acceptors) Desert Orchol 12 stone, Carvill's Hill 11-4. The Thinter 10-8. Yahoo 10-8, Have A Barney 10-2, Belsir 9-11, US And Joe 9-10, Bold Piyer 9-8. Barney Burnett 9-6, Riska's River 9-5, Febran Hill Lad 9-2, Another Plano 8-13, The Committee 8-10, Roc De Prace 8-9, Benter's Benefit 8-8, Caddy 8-8, Derrymore Boy 8-8, Rust News Seeps 8-7, Langans Wine 8-3, Mixed Blends 8-3, Custingstown 8-1, Currie Chreval 7-11. Time Related 7-8 (inc 5to penalty), Cloney Grunge 7-6, Peacock Royale 7-0.

WHITEREAD GOLD CUP (Handicap chese: 285,000: 3m 51 18y0) (49 acceptors) Desert Orchid 11 years, weight 12st 09. Bonanza 80y 9-10-11. Yahoo 9-10-7, Kitclimo 10-10-7, Carvesa Clown 10-10-7, The Thinker 12-10-8, Strands Of Gold 11-10-3, Brown

Windsor 8 9 13. Man O'Magic 9 8 11.
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Frisk 11-9-5. Bob Tokada 11-9-5. Mich's
Star 10-9-4. Bajan Sunshina 11-9-3.
Bilanopalae 9-9-2. Golden Frend 12-8-2.
West Tip 13-9-2. Four Trix 9-9-1. Willsford
7-8-13. Maginy Mark 11-8-12. Sacred Path
10-8-11. Torside 11-8-11. Bathing Jack 8-811. Tartian Takacover 8-9-9. Royal Cedar 98-5. Gais's timage 10-8-4. Massar Bob 108-4. Vulgan Warmor 8-8-4. Humworth 10-82. L'Ance Rouge 9-8-2. Killone Abbey 7-8-1.
The Langholm Dyer 17-7-13. Erconey 167-13. Wont Be Gone Long 8-7-13.
Memberson 12-7-11. Eight Sorfings 9-7-7.
Team Challenge 8-7-7. Hettinger 10-7-3.
Irish Lord 9-6-12. En Gourset Theon 9-612. Sergeant Sprite 10-6-11. The Thirsty
Farmer 11-8-6.

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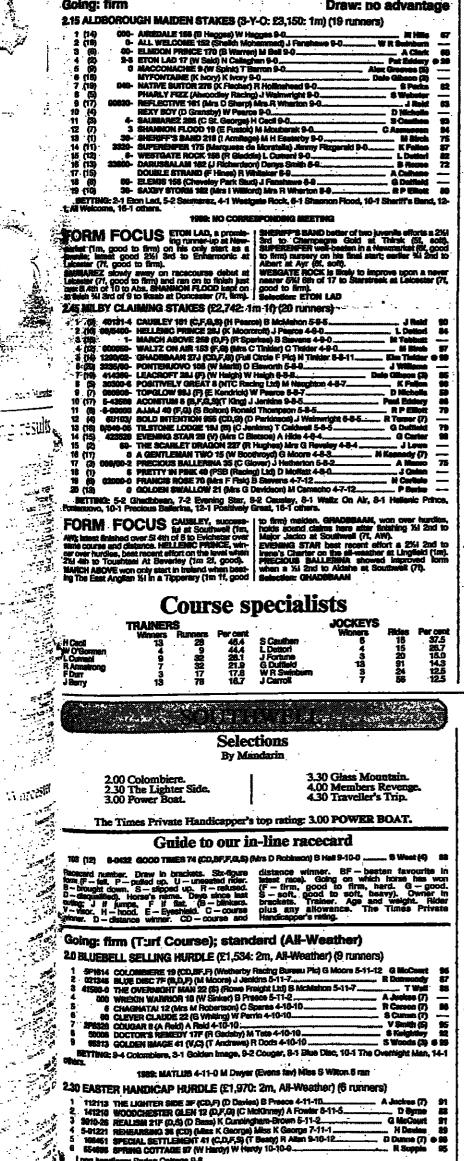
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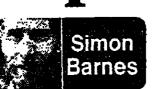
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TRAINERS

The importance of being too earnest

I DO not think I have ever felt quite as uncomfortable at a sporting event as I did in the final frenzies of the fourth Test match in Bridgetown, I have known larger crowds, louder crowds, more hysterical crowds. I have been caught in the crossfire of a beer-glass fight at a football match. That was unpleasant, but it was not disturbing in the same way as the event in Barbados on

The final day of the Test match was a tale of magnificent resistance, magnificently overcome. It was a rich day. Jack Russell's long and heroic boy-on-the-burning-deck performance was a treat. But once he had gone, and West Indies the edge of desperation. had a hole in the batting to The fall of each wicke



work on the mood of the match changed.

I saw the West Indian win in

Trinidad during England's tour of winter 1986. It was a cheerful, almost a tautological statement of West Indies might. And it was greeted with routine pleasure. But in Barbados this time around, the mood was vastly different. As the wickets began to tumble, and at long last West Indies had a clear sight of victory, the mood of the crowd was certainly not jubilant. It was on

greeted with a glee that bor-dered on the sadistic. And when the end came, the ground resounded, not with triumph, but with relief. This had been no easy restatement of West Indian prowess: this had been five days of national angst. But, at last, order had been restored: the sun could rise next morning: the stars had been set back on their courses: God was back in His heaven and all was right with

the world once again. It was understandable, of course, but it was also rather dreadful. Games were never supposed to be this important. The "meadow game with the curious name" was not designed to carry this kind of weight. But a pleasant, footling pastime has become an

gional and racial pride.
The unthinkable importance of cricket has been

emphasized by the C M-J Affair: the furious reaction to of the BBC. He said that the umpire, Lloyd Barker, made an incorrect decision because of the deliberate intimidation by Viv Richards, the West

Martin-Jenkins has been issued with a writ for defamation of the umpire; he has passed this on to the BBC lawyers and makes no comment thereon. He has been the object of fury and the subject of threats: he got through his commentary on the final day unscathed, but he looked shattered when he made the plane to Antigna at the end of the

One reaction to all this is to get proprietorial, and to say: "These people don't really understand our game." It is not a very helpful thought.

Cricket was unquestionably invented in England, but it has not been static. It has been subject to the forces of history and the influence of people and places and cultures.

Cricket is not an English game any more. It has been subject to the influences of, to name but a few, Islam, Indian politics, Partition, Tamil separatism, Marxist writing, Rastafarianism, the New Zealand Prime Minister, the Bishop of Liverpool, Bob Marley, King Dyall, Benazir Bhutto, abonginal and Maori rights, George Davis, the

tions, the sin of adultery, the pleasure of drugs, the morality of liars, the morality of money, but also the matter of the importance or otherwise of the rights of mankind to freedom in the face of the

forces of oppression. Cricket is not a simple game. It just started off that

Cricket was never supposed to be this important: but it is. This makes me profoundly uncomfortable. On the other hand, ask yourself this: How many great West Indians can I name who are not cricketers? Those who can get beyond Bob Marley, V S Naipaul and

the odd politico are doing better than most. Put this another

day. He said he was "bearing question of trade embargo, the what other areas are the question of diplomatic relaacknowledged as the greatest in the world? Nations that lack a long history of war and self-delusion tend to value their sporting triumphs highly.

There is a tang of history in every cricket match between England and West Indies, the ancestors of slaves are playing against a side that represents the land of former slavemakers. Additional irony is added by the presence of three

in the England team. No, neither cricket nor any other silly, jolly ball game was intended to be of overwhelming importance to its practitioners and its audience. But it is now, and there is no point nding otherwise.

return is friendship renewed

By John Woodcock

LIKE an old friend who comes to stay each April, dressed always in reassuring tweeds, Wisden Cricketers' Almanack is published today. The 127th edition of an unbroken run it thoroughly reflects the high standard set by Graeme Wright,

the present editor.

More manifestly erudite than
most of his predecessors, has Notes are, once again, discern-Caribbean-born Englishmen dialectic. Writing 25 2 New Engiand, style tends to he mistaken for character, and that when inner reserves are m quired it is character that sees one through". This, of course, is related to the approach by David Gower to the task of retaining the Ashes last summer

along the lines of commitment, through the decision made by so many prominent players to shorten their Test careers by going to South Africa, Wright says: "Warching some of the that they regard a Test match as just another working day." This perceptively, he suspected things would change under Gra-ham Gooch.

South Africa, in fact, is given a fair hearing, Ali Bacher's speech at last year's Wisden dinner being reproduced more or less in full, and Jack Bailey. the former secretary of MCC and now a member of The Times' cricket-writing team, contributing a definitive resume, a sure source of future reference, of the whys and wherefores of the agreement regarding the ICC's attitude to South Africal

The other consuming issue of 1989 - whether or not to introduce a county champ-ionship of 16 four-day matches the editor in his Notes than the editor in his Notes than the editor in his notes than the from Trevor Bailey in a more technical article celebrating the centenary of the official champonship. The choice of Wisden. Five Cricketers of the Year illustrates the success of Border's Australian side as well as-the limitations of the present English game: the only Englishman is Jack Russell,

More reflectively, E Swanton, now in his eighties by still "the voice of authority" writes on batsmen who, over the years, have won the Lawrence Trophy for fast scoring, and

"Nearly half his (Richards's) bundreds were for Somerset, the he arrived in 1974 they seemed made for each other. He liked the gentle pace of market-town Taumon, the chummy, rustic, boundary banter, the apple juice success loomed . . " Last year's Australian tour is carefully and challengingly reviewed by John Thicknesse. It is all good stuff, worthy of a great tradition.

If anything should ever hap-pen to *Wisden*, it would be like losing India. There was a pagan idea not long ago — soon abandoned — that it should be divided into two volumes, one for overseas consumption; and during the brief time that Robert Maxwell published it, he had the cricketing elders at the annual dinner, as well as a good many who were not so old, grinding their knives and forks in consternation, in a scene worthy of a Bateman cartoon, by suggesting that perhaps the time had come to change the size and shape of the almanac. That was more than enough to see to it that a new publisher was

The first issue (1864) cost one shilling and was available, post-free, "for 13 penny stamps". Fifty yeas ago the limp edition was five shillings and the hardback seven shillings and sixpence. Today they are £15.50 and £18.50 respectively.

There is, incidentally, no prouder possessor of a complete run than Geoffrey Boycou, or of something not much short of one than Sir Donald Bradman. What bedside reading they must have; what blissful self-indulgence.

England's walking wounded face a daunting challenge

Cricket Correspondent St John's, Antigua

SHORTLY before six o'clock on Tuesday evening, England buckled after a brave fight and lost a Test match. Nine hours later, the players trudged into hotel rooms in a new country, wearily aware that they must start another momentous game the following day.

There was always the possibility, when this arduous tour programme was devized, that one of the two teams would arrive in Antigua on a terminal down. Yesterday, we knew it was England. Cruelly denied an impregnable 2-0 lead in Trinidad a fortnight ago, they have come to the final bell with their legs giving way beneath them and the opposition at their shoulder.

It is impossible not to feel sorry for them. To lose this series now would be a travesty. Sadly, given the psychology of the situation, let alone the hard facts, it is much the

In Barbados, for the first time, the old inequalities of cricketing life were stark once more. Individual heroics, from Lamb, Smith, Small and Russell, were not enough to camouflage the shortcomings of a team whose steering and stabilizers had vanished with Gooch and Fraser. West Indies, though not the juggernaut of old, made all the

Indies by these reaffirmed values that they cancelled their seats on the late night flight to Antigua and had a celebration party instead, soon. Capel and DeFreitas They flew in yesterday morning, and although injuries land, not the place to be which discount Marshall and against Ambrose in this mood. Moseley, as well as Best, may Despite this, however, Enghave had a cautionary effect, land insist with loyalty overthe memory of Curtley Ambrose's match-winning spell with the second new ball today unless 11 fit men cannot will quickly restore those be raised.

England batting and fielding

BARBADOS SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES First Innings 446 (C A Best 164, I V A Richards 70; G C Small 4-109). Second Innings 267 for 8 dec (D L Haynes 109; G C Small 4-74).

First Innings 358 (A J Lamb 119, R A Smith 62; I R Bishop 4-70). Second Innings

A J Stewart c Richards b Ambrose . W Larkins c Dujon b Bishop R Belley c Dujon b Ambrose G C Small flow b Ambrose C Russell b Ambrose ... J Lamb c Dujon b Mose

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-10, 3-10, 4-71, 5-97, 6-166, 7-173, 8-181, 9-181, BOWLING: Bishop 20-7-40-1; Ambrose 22.4-10-45-8 (nb 6); Marshall 18-8-31-0 (nb 6); Moseley 19-3-44-1 (nb 3, w 1); Richards 10-5-11-0; Richardson 2-1-3-0.

Man of the match: C E L Ambrose Umpires: D Archer and L Barker West Indies won by 164 runs REMARKING MATCH: April 12 to 17: Fifth Test, Antigs

PREVIOUS RESULTS: First Test (Kir wickets, Second Test (Georgetown, (Port of Spain, Trisided): Match drawn

gleaming grins. Their conidence is back, and with good

Quite the most deflating part of England's demise was its speed. Once Russell was out to an unplayable shooter, an unjust end if ever there was one, the last five wickets tumbled for 25 runs to a sequence of technically inept defensive strokes.

Ambrose was quite a proposition but England made things easy for him by offering running and won deservedly.

So bucked were the West no positive feet movement. Hussain was crease-bound against an inswinging yorker has been pitched in a year too were trapped in no-man'sriding good sense, that the recalled Gower will not play

TEST MATCH AVERAGES

A L Logie C A Best I V A Richards D L Haynes R B Richardson C G Greenidge P J L Dujon C L Hooper C E L Ambrose I R Bishoo

In Barbados, one long partnership regularly preceded a clatter of wickets. It was that sort of match, but if Russell and Robin Smith felt let down, nobody could blame

Gooch found it still more painful for being utterly helpless. England's stricken captain still has the metal pins in his broken left hand and has no clear idea when he will play again. After all he has achieved on this tour, the idieness was agony. "I did not enjoy the watching," he said.
"I don't like to interfere too that first morning, was never unfit and the quickest has malfunctioned. Although quimuch because the players retrieved. must respect the man who is

on charge on the field." ness has struck so many. It also suffered from stereotyped but one must hope he makes ideas, including that the Bartoday's decision, if the toss bados pitch would support permits it, on the basis of pitch bowling first. It did not and

the initiative, handed over on

Lamb has not fully explained that decision, as the Allan Lamb's captaincy suf- England management could fered by comparison with not find him in the botel Gooch, whose tactical shrewd- yesterday after summoning a press conference on his behalf.

> conditions rather than past He may still reach the same conclusion. The Recreation Ground is under the care of inmates at the neighbouring prison, controlled by Anderson Mongtomery Everton Roberts, once the awesome leader of the West Indian

bowling attack but now a deep

sea fisherman and part-time groundsman. His pitch is hard, a shade damp and covered with rolled. dead grass but ask him if it will be quick and be says: "There are no quick pitches out here any more," adding with that slow smile, "but I have tried to make sure this one has a bit of

bounce. England's problem is that, of their own fast-bowling quartet, the steadiest has been

Walking on air: Ambrose lifts off after taking the final England wicket to give West Indies their Test victory etly confident of Fraser's recovery, the management was yesterday no more than hopeful that Devon Malcolm could be restored to his pre-

Barbados form. Malcolm had a long, corrective net yesterday alongside Fraser, who bowled for almost an hour to try and prove to his own satisfaction he was fit enough for a five-day game. Many of the England players, however, were given an easy day. As Micky Stewart said: "This is a very unusual situation. We were within 35 minutes of saving a game and now we have one day before the decider. Climbing into bed

tion for such a match. had the same exhausting schedule, but it is they who have come here on a high. It is Gordon Greenidge's 100th Test and Viv Richards sees it as his personal mission to win this series, from behind, on his home island. The heart goes

out to England. The head nods

to the West Indies.

at three in the morning after a flight is not the best prepara-West Indies, of course, have Richards takes centre stage among friends

IF THE fifth and final Test balls. His 110 not out, from 58 match between West Indies and deliveries, included seven sixes England at St John's, Antigna, and seven fours. match between West Indies and England at St John's, Antigua, which starts today, were to revolve around the dominating personality of Viv Richards, the home captain, it would be no more than should be expected. The ground was granted its first Test match nine years ago principally because of the rise to fame of Andy Roberts and Richards, the first two natives of the island to represent West Indies, and the latter has delighted in nothing more than returning to hold court in front of his friends and most ardent

Richards has scored centuries in three of the four Tests held on Antigua, including one in each of the two previous matches against. England, who were treated to displays of his most devastating strokeplay. In 1980-81, he hit 114, with 11 fours contained in his first 45 runs, while fours were seen and while four years ago, with England specifically attempting to hold off a declaration by their opponents, he struck the fastest

Richards showed himself in a less attractive light earlier in the same match when he held a running dispute with the umpires about the suitability of the ball. It was probably no co-incidence this occurred during England's only century stand of the series, between Gooch and Slack, with Richards pressing for the win that would enable him to emplate Clive Lloyd's "blackwash" of 1984.

Richards was kept waiting for victory until the sixth of the final 20 overs, a reflection of the blandness of the St John's pitches. Nine years ago, England earned a draw through a combination of rain and unbeaten centuries by Willey and Boycott.

The game in Antigua has continued to flourish since it forst staged Test cricket and today's West Indies team will include three men from the island: Richards, Richardson

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RUGBY UNION Oti recalled for Italian trip By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

for the game in Rovigo on May I against an Italian President's XV, in an exercise specifically designed to re-establish the self-confidence and playing pattern which suffered something of a blow at the hands of Scotland in the control of the self-confidence and playing pattern which suffered something of a blow at the hands of Scotland in

Murrayfield last month.

However, Chris Oti, the
Wasps wing who has played no
rugby this season, has been
chosen on the wing, which is a
clear indication that his would be a welcome presence on tour in Argentina in July. The party for that tour will be named next Wednesday, which may help concentrate Oti's mind as he

to contact situations in training.
It is eight months since Oti had an operation on the damaged knee which curtailed his tour of Australia with the British isles. "It's a question of getting confidence in it," Oti said yesterday, "but I have been sprinting on it and if there is a game going before the end of the month that I feel I would be up to, I'll go ahead and play in it." To say that the selectors are gambling on a player who has

not performed this season is an

THE England selectors have mind in a match which does not any case, be reducing his rugby chosen 10 of their players from have overmuch long-term the five nations' championship significance. Italy play Romania at Frascati this weekend, but because of the Italian club championship the home side will be a select XV, which could include some of the various overseas players from the souththe grand-slam match at playing in Italy this season.

"Chris has probably been physically fit for some time," Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said yesterday, "but he has not felt able to commit himself to a game to test himself. This is a way of helping get him back in the frame and he has been told that he doesn't necessarily have to play before the match - we just want to see him involved once more.

"The idea of Italy now is to pull the national squad together again and this has been made even more important by the defeat in Scotland. So we have tried to pick the bulk of those been limited by the fact that the Pilkington Cup final will be played four days later, so no players from Bath and Gloucester are included. In addition, Rory Underwood has RAF dutics, while Mark Bailey has been understatement, but it is cer-tainly a way of focusing the sity in the Far East and may, in

England's other selected wing. Tony Underwood, has also had his season trimmed by injury. After an exciting start, which calminated in an appearance for the Barbarians against New Zealand in November, the younger Underwood suffered a broken jaw on the first di-visional weekend; no sooner had be returned, in March, than he damaged a knee, so he too has some ground to make up, though he has assured Cooke that he will be fit.

Two of the team, Rob Andrew and Paul Ackford, have already indicated that they will not be available to tour Argentina in the summer, while Mike Teague's preparations with Gloucester for the cup final open the door to Tim Rodber, the Northampton No. 8 who has made such rapid progress



Davies named as new coach by Saracens

hundred in Test cricket, off 56

SARACENS have appointed John Davies as their coach next. Russ, who has taken up a paid appointment with Leicester (David Hands writes).

Davies, who has helped Mike Williams coach England's 16group team for some seasons. will be assisted by Mark Evans, a former Saracens hooker who has been coaching the club's second XV this season.

● Japan and Western Samoa have confirmed their places in the finals of the 1991 World Cup, even though the Asian qualifying tournament in Japan this week has not been completed. Both countries won their first two games. • Tony Spreadbury, from Somerset, will referee his first

full international, between Australia and France, in Sydney on June 9, while Colin High, from Manchester, officiates in New Zealand's opening game with Scotland on June 16. Glyn Liewellyn will repiace Newbridge lock, Andy Allen, who yesterday became the third forward to pull out of Wales's six-match summer tonr of Namibia which leaves on May 16. Glyn joins his younger brother, Gareth Llewellyn.

Hanavan seals victory for weakened police

By David Hands

British Police ... Combined Services..... 27

BRENDAN Hanavan, who enjoyed himself with two tries on Lancashire's behalf in the county championship final at Twickenham on Saturday, moved a mile down the road yesterday to Imber Court. There, his 34th try of the season, the last of the game, won the Securicor Trophy for the British Police for the first time in their annual meeting with the Comhined Services.

The success was doubly welcome since this was by no means the strongest team the Police have available - no Dooley, Ackford nor Linnett for instance, nor Richards, who watched from the touchline, But after looking likely losers again for an hour, they launched an assault in the final quarter which earned victory by four goals, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to two goals, three tries and a dropped goal.

-Indeed, it was one of the late replacements, Grant Champion, who ensured success with his goal-kicking. The Cornish

centre mishit his first conver-sion but still steered it over, and thereafter he kicked everything on offer.

interval, having dominated the lineour, through Rodber, which gave Commander the chance to settle imo his stride. Unfortnnately, they also gave Heslop an interception try which, in retrospect, was to prove costly.

The Services led 20-18 at the

SCORERS: British Police: Tries: Brierley, Hestop, Hamburrow, Hansvan, Conversions: Chambon (4). Persity goal: Chambon, Departing goal: Chambon, Departing goal: Chambert Services: Tries: Joy (2). Spowar, Inter-wood, Reccs. Conversions: Commender (2). Immond goal: Ch. Immond goal: Conversions: Commender (2).

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bred Henderson Monsanta in

riding superbly and looks an increasingly sound bet for the

Nick Skelton did nothing to enhance his chances yesterday

after collecting eight faults on Burmah Grand Slam on whom

he is still struggling to find his form. He and Turi will have a serious tilt at the final but will

revert to the non-world cup classes if their chances look

remote after the first leg. Canada's Ian Millar, the

defending champion, is "guard-edly optimistic" about his chances, despite being without his top horse Big Ben, the winner of the cup for the last two years. Millar is riding Rodney leaking. Garner horse.

Jenkins' former horse, Czar, whom he has ridden at only four

shows. This is their first indoor

competition together.

Millar is drawn 13th for tonight's first leg of the three-part final in which, traditionally, a rider must finish in the

top eight to have a chance of winning. Whitaker is hoping that the course designer, Olaf Petersen, will build a big track since Milton tends to jump

taking an early lead with birdies

FOOTBALL

Bull's touch sets Wolves on high road for play-off

times, but there is little doubt in the 4-1 win against Watthat the 25 goals struck by the ford, who had threatened to Wolverhampton Wanderers forward this season are largely an early lead through Penrice. responsible for the club's Sheffield are now through

flirtation with a play-off place. Wolverhampton's chances f becoming the first side to advance from fourth to first division in the shortest pos-sible time were enhanced by Tuesday's 5-0 home win ainst Leicester City featuring three goals from Bull, which left the Molineux men seventh, one place be-neath the play-off zone.

It was Bull's second treble of the season - the other came in a 4-0 win at Newcastle United on New Year's Day—and will not hinder his chances of being included in the England squad for the World Cup

Just as Bull and Andy Brian Deane, and Tony Agana re similarly accountable for Sheffield United's extended occupation of the division's second automatic promotion

respective tallies at home to with a defeat at home to Watford on Tuesday night. Portsmouth.

STEVE Buil may have been Booker and Whitehurst accused of being selfish at claimed United's other goals upset the apple cart by taking

Sheffield are now three points adrift of Leeds United, who drew I-I at Plymouth Argyle, where Chapman scored one and missed several before Tynan equalized from the penalty spot.

Two flashes of international brilliance from Gotsmanov, a Soviet player on loan to Brighten did the domestic dreams of Osvaldo Ardiles serious damage at the County

Artiles's hopes of winning automatic promotion to the first division with Swindon Town received another setback when Brighton, who had lost their previous nine away games, claimed all three Mutch, his partner in attack, have helped propel Wolver, hampton towards the top, Brian Deane and Trong Agents. Cammed all three points in a 2-1 win. Bremner, hampton towards the top, Brian Deane and Trong Agents. White claimed a consolation for Swindon. But Brighton's joy was muted by the news that Bissett had broken his leg.

Sunderland, who are fifth, and Blackburn Rovers, who Like their counterparts at are sixth, remain in conten-Wolverhampton, the Sheffield tion for the play-offs despite forwards usually forage for defeats at Barasley and Hull their goals by running on to City respectively, but Ipswich long balls, and two such Town saw their promotion instances increased their hopes virtually extinguished



Welsh prepare for Belgium against Denmark

WALES have arranged an international against Denmark for September 12 in preparation for their European Championship the European Championship that is soothall authorities on May 20.

MILAN (Reuter) — Napoli were awarded a 2-0 win by that is soothall authorities on May 20.

Wednesday for a leavne match match against Belgium later that

The Welsh FA are also posidering an offer to play in the United Arab Emirates at the and of the season in June. but

gan of the season in June, our per acceptance will depend on the financial terms and the availability of players.

Wales have already lined-up friendlies against Sweden (at Stockholm) on April 25, and Costa Rica, who will play at

era ragby could have pencilled in the results of this week's quarter-finals of the Lancashire Cup and not been too far astray (Michael Stevenson writes).

Preston Grasshoppers beat Widnes (15-3); Waterloo, beginning to emerge from their agonies, defeated Broughton Park (26-0) and Wigan, one of the most attractive and im-

the most attractive and im-

proved sides in the North, beat

In the fourth tie, Liverpool St.

cavalier style of play could not

IN BRIEF

Blackburn (28-6).

Wednesday for a league match originally drawn 0-0. The decision puts Napoli level on points with AC Milan at the top of the first division.

Napoli had appealed to have their O.0 draw at Atalanta on

their 0-0 draw at Atalanta on Sunday converted into a 2-0 win after Brazilian international midfield player Alemao was hit above an ear by a coin thrown from the crowd 12 minutes before the end. ● The Brighton and Hove Al-bion central defender, Nicky sions will keep 10 players out of Bissett, faces three months in plaster after having his right leg final matches in the European Bissett, faces three monus in plaster after having his right leg broken in two places in Tuesday's 2-1 win at Swindon. Bissett, 26, had his tibia and fibula broken in a first half

The Brighton physiotherapist, Malcolm Stuart, said: "As far as I am aware, without confirma-tion, the breaks are clean and, as no plates and pins are necessary, the injury should not threaten Nicky's career."

Football Union's three club

empetitions.

The controversial agent, Bob Higgins, has promised to keep out of Southampton's contract talks with forward, Rod Wallace. The Southampton manager, Chris Nicholl, has previously attacked agents for unsettling players and Higgins was heavily involved in Danny was heavily involved in Danny Wallace's move to Manchester

Harry Redknapp, Bourne-mouth manager, banned Mat-thew Holmes from training before including him in Bourne-mouth's squad for the trip to West Ham because the midfield player works too hard. Redknapp fears Holmes has lost

• NUREMBERG (AP) - The Dutch coach, Arie Haan, dismissed three weeks ago by Stuttgart, yesterday signed a two-year contract with another West German first-division club, FC Nuremberg.

RUGBY UNION

Clift gala performance English forwards outclassed

By Michael Austin

WITH one notable exception, cope with the big battalions. Orrell enjoyed wind advan-tage in the first half and the gale hustled them into a 12-0 interval lead. The second half developed into something approaching a gala performance by Clift, the young LSH fly-half, who made a try for Sephton and immediately Wellens added a

LSH led when Walmsley thrust and Clift put Simms in for the try for Harmes to convert. He also converted the first of two tries by the irrepressible Clift and Hale closed LSH's scoring with their final try.

English Students U-21.. 3

A CLASSIC wearing-down pro-cess enabled Scotland Under-21 to beat English Students Under-21, but with greater ease than the score suggests, at Fylde England's lack of competitive urge added self-inflicted proburge added self-inflicted prob-lems to the better forward technique of the Scots, whose mauling made the English efforts look fleeting and unco-ordinated. For much of a game, played in a chilling wind, Scot-land used their backs as an afterthought, but there seemed little point in employing them as little point in employing them as

BASKETBALL

MATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (MBA): Houston Rockets 115, Charlotte Hornets 172 Boston Cellics 112, New Jersey Nats 96: Methodice Suctas 130, Crisció Magic 127; Alacite Havrics 128, Philadelphia 76 res 151; Portland Traditioners 108, Minne-mot Tradel-procested Control
ICE HOCKEY

match almost single-handed.

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Two tries from scrums close to England's posts in the first 30 thatper Adems Swanzes University to England's Posts in the first 30 thatper Adems (Swanzes University Adems (Swanzes Univers es, by Brov and Hogg, the captain and No. 8, set the game's pattern.

When England besieged the opposing line, early in the second-half, they lacked the muscle power, know-how and mental steel to crack a defence which refused to submit. Scotland's third try belonged to Macrae, the left wing, who took a short pass from Warwood

after driving play by an excellent back row. SCORERS: English Students Under-21: Pensity goak Gregory, Scotland Under-21: Triest Brown, Hogg, Macrae, Conven-sion: Altchison.

(Swansea Univ), H Thomsycroff (Nottingham Poly), G Gregory (Sheffield Poly), N Gerificia (Saudinatio (Sheffield Poly), N Gerificia (South Giarnorpan Inst), A Cuthbert (South West Poly), R Morgan (Royal Agricaltural Col), R Eastborn (Portsmouth Poly), I Pleiup (Warwick Univ, captain), J Gale (Portsmouth Poly), G Adams (Bath Univ), W Davidson (Sheffield Poly), SCOTLAND UNDER-21: G Altebison (Navacaste Univ); C Handarson (London Scottish), A Warwood (Leicester), R Adam (Edinburgh Acads), D Martine (Cambridge Univ), S Michal (Saidirk), F Sart (West of Scotland), J Couper (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), G Retaes (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), G Retaes (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), S Reid (Borougmusi), P Mauriza (Aberdeen Univ, pp. G Shep-Mauriza (Aberdeen Univ, pp. G Shep-Maurizan (Aberdeen Univ, pp. G Shep-Hauritzen (Aberdeen Univ, rsp., G Shepherd, Gelei), G Mackeny (Giasgow Acads), G Mackeny (Giasgow Acads), C Brown (Jedforest), C Hogg (Meirose, captain). Referee: F Howard (Liverpool).

TENNIS

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FOR THE RECORD

Challenger **FOOTBALL** BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second divisio Bernsley 1, Sunderland D: Hull 2, Blackbern Inswich B, Portsmouth 1; Plymouth 1, Leads Shelf Upd 4, Wattord 1; Stoke 1, Oxford Und Sutndon 1, Brighton 2; Wolverbassphon for record DRAMBUIE Challenger, a 46ft powerboat, is to attempt to reduce by half the record for a circumrager's bid to complete the 1.500-mile trip in less than two days will be marked by a ceremonial start from Tower Bridge, London, but will begin officially from Southend when

as Liverpool confound

weather conditions, in June, are powered by a 10-little V8 engine and manned by a three-man Anglo-American crew, will make only five refuelling stops

New machine

Niall MacKenzie will have a new 750 cc Yamaha for his first ppearance in the FIM world inerbike championship at Donington Park or. Easter Monday day to replace the machine written off in a first lap multiple pile-up during the Daytona 200.

Golf boost Women's professional golf has

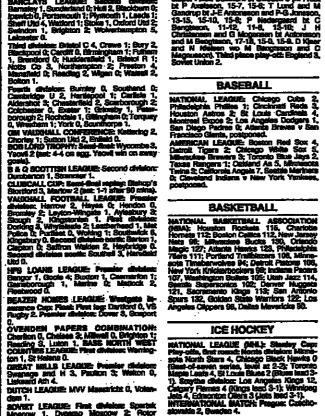
Woolmark increasing their European Tour sponsorship money to £80,000 for the 1990 season,

Friendly start

Sussex county cricket club will play two pre-season friendlies at Hove next week, against Middlesex on Tuesday and Kent the following day.

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RUGBY UNION TOKYO: World Cap: Asia qualifying group: Western Sezon 12, Torque 3: Appen 28, South Kone 18, Mytestern Season and Jepen qualify for World Cap Snaish.

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TABLE TENNIS MUSCOW: EUROPEAN TEAM Champles-shipe: Phast Deamark 5. Swedon 0 pM Prinet bt P Austron. 15-7, 15-8; T Lund and M Genorup b J-E Austreanson and P-G Joneson. 13-15, 15-10, 15-8; P Nedergaard bt C Sengteon, 11-12, 11-8, 15-10; J H Christensen and G Mogacisen bt Automison and M Mogacisen bt Automison and M Melen wo M Bangtrson and C Magacisen, Third place play-off: England 3, Soviet Union 2. Control of the Contro Edbarry (Swe) brt. Shiras (US), 50, 8-2 (Lam (Cd) at S. Matsuoka (Japan), 6-4, 6-2 (kristatian (US) br D. Patin (US), 6-4, 7-6; McErmor (US) br D. P. Chamberin (US), 3-6, 6-7-6; B. Biberr (US) br J. Rive (US), 6-1, 6-4; 6-0; J. Grabb (US) br J. Rive (US), 6-1, 6-4; Amontsoh (Austria) br A. Alarry (Swe), 8-2, 7-6; M. Kratzmann (Aus) br J. Canter (US), 1-6, 6-4; 9. 4-4; M. Srajber (Co.) br J. A. Marora (Who), 6-2, 6-4; M. Srajber (Co.) br J. Carteson (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; W. Matsur (Aus) br J. Carteson (Swe), 6-3, 6-5; A. Mansent (US) br D. Golden (US), 6-4, 6-3; P. Kulmann (WC) br T. Woodbridge (Aus), 3-7-6; S. Connell (Cas) br T. Programdr (Swe), 6-7-6; S. Connell (Cas) br Y. Programdr (Swe), 6-7-6; S. Connell (Cas) br Y. Programdr (Swe), 6-7-6; S. Connell (Cas) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Connell (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Vug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Vug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Vug), 6-3, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (Vug), 6-4, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (US), 6-4, 7-6; S. Conlei (US) br S. Zivojinovic (US), 6-4, MATTOMAL LEAGUE Chicago Cuba 2, Philadelphia Philips 1; Cincivrati Rada 3, Houston Astros 2; St. Louis Cardinals 4, Montreel Booc 2; Los Angeles Dodgen 1, San Diego Padres 0; Atlanta Bressa V San Francisco Gients, potaponed.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 4, Catrolt Tigers 2; Catego Welte Sox 5, Milwaufee Brewers 3; Toronto Blue Jays 2, Toxas Rangers 1; Celden As 5, Milwautes Trada S. Callornia Angels 7, Seettle Mariners C; Cleveland Indiana V Hew York Yenkees, postponed. Women: Second round: K Date (Japan) bt E troue (Japan), 6-2, 6-4; M Javer (SS) tx M-Hyel (Japan), 7-8, 6-2; E Smyle (Aus) bt S Wissenman (Sel), 6-7, 8-0, 6-1; E Swylesrous (C2) bt A Henricasson (DS), 6-1, 8-2; C Lindvist (Sel) bt S Appelman (Sel), 7-5, 6-2; K Okanolo (Japan) bt B Napelsen (US), 6-1, 6-2; N Sevenstats (Japan) bt J Mapelsen (US), 6-7, 6-2; N Sevenstats (Japan) bt J Mapelsen (US), 7-6, 7-6; B Cordwell (NZ) bt M Psmiltt (NG), 7-6, 6-2 AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's ton-remant: Piret reseat: L. Harvey-Wild (LS) et T. Whatington (LS), 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 B Fatoo (Arg) bt I Budarova (Cz), 4-6, 6-1, 6-0 Second round: S Graf (WiS) bt P Langrove (Cz), 6-1, 6-0; A Temesver (Hus) bt A Realer (LS), 6-4, 6-2; L. Ferrando (H) bt A Gooden (US), 3-8, 8-4, 6-2; C. Bessett-Segueo (Carr) bt S Collers (US), 6-0, 7-5; A Kamelingoulou (Gr) bt L. Meethil (LSSR), 0-6, 7-6, 6-4; N Zwareva (LSSR) bt A Grossman (US), 6-2, 6-1; G Magera (LSSR) bt C Berlemin (US), 6-2, 6-1; C Garrison (US) bt B Romano (LS), 6-2, 6-1; C Garrison (US) bt B Romano (LS), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt L. Lapi (D), 6-3, 7-5

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RUGBY LEAGUE

SPEEDWAY TOUR MAYCH: Poole 43, Kutevierne 53. CHALLENGE MATCH: Second leg: Mitton Keynes 40%, Stoke 54%. Stoke won 105%-

TENNIS

January, swept back in style here Tuesday. The West Ger-man world champion, who broke her thumb in a skiing accident at the beginning of

She dropped only the third game, on her own serve, to win 6-1, 6-0 and now meets Andrea Temesvari, of Hungary, in the It extended her upbeaten run

Graf's winning return been overawed.

BARCELONA: Men's tremement: Secon reuse: J Senchez (Sp) bt K Novecek (Cz), 7-6-2: G Proje: (Yug) bt Y Muster (Austria), 3-6. 1, 6-2. M. Jain (Arg) bt M A Sencia (Wa), 6-1, 6; A Mencini (Arg) bt A Rehumen (Fin), 7-6, 0-6-1; E Sinchez Vicario (Sp) bt F Devin (Arg), 8-1; A Gomez (Ecot bt M Shapara; (Nein), 6; 7-8; 7-8; G Lopez (Sp) bt M Vajde (Cz), 5-7-8: C Casta (So) bt A Charleson (MESS) 8-1.

3. SMEFFRELD: Mon's inter county serior championship: Yorkshire 4, Lalcustershire 0.

Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina, who inflicted one of only two defeats on Graf in last year's final here, dropped only three games to West Germany's Clauvapoed to the third round by 6BADMINTON

Frost goes down to dangerous floater

From Richard Eaton

MORTEN FROST, one of the great players of the eighties, the top seed and the man who pledged to win back the Euro-pean title, was beaten in the first round here yesterday. He went down 18-16, 18-16, to Jens Olsson, the unseeded Swedish champion, in what will probably be described as the event's niggest surprise.

His opponent was the most dangerous floater in the draw and Frost, at the age of 32, can no longer be sure of playing well all through a tournament. "It is a part of getting older, I am

afraid." he said. The Danish tax exile, who has lived for the last four years in London, had expected a semifinal with Darren Hall, one of his regular sparring partners. Instead, the title-holder from Essex has a wonderful chance to get to the final again after

get to the final again after reaching the last eight.

The immediate beneficiary, however, will be Steve Briler, the England No. 4, who meets Olsson in the quarter-finals tomorrow after scrambling through 17-16, 9-15, 15-11 in a long struggle against Chris Bruil, of The Netherlands, the former European junior champion. European junior champion. England's other quarter-final player is Steve Baddeley, the former Commonwealth cham-pion, who is seeded No. 4. PROFILES Mean's stogles: Piret round: Olsson (Swe) bt M Frust (Den), 18-16, 1 18; S Builder (GB) bt K Sperre (Nor), 15-1 15-12; D Hall (GB) bt K Fischer (Australia-15-6, 15-4; P Jastel (Fin) bt J Herman (Swe), 15-3, 15-12; A Antropov (USSR), M Herber (MT), 15-4, 15-5, 50-50.

4: P.E. Hoyer-Larsen (Den) or L. Linuwor (Fin), 15-7; 15-1. Second round: Obson bit V Strankov (USSR), 15-2, 13-16, 15-7; Buffer for Brui (Neth), 17-16, 8-15, 15-11; Hall bt P Uvanov (USSR), 15-7, 15-11; Jardi bt A Marjar (Neth), 15-7, 15-7; Baddeley bt J Aato (Fin), 15-5, 15-3; P Axelsson (Swe) bt Nelsson, 15-6, 15-13; Hoyer-Larsen bt S Kuni (MG), 15-11, 15-2; Women's singles: First round: P Nedergaard (Den) bt A Gibson (GB), 11-9, 11-2; E Ryblana (USSR) bt M Hoogland (Neth), 11-6, 11-1; E Coone (Neth) bt C Bengsson (Swe), 11-5, 11-7; H Troke (GB) wa D Koleva (Bu) ec: I Sarova (USSR) bt A van der Knapp (Neth), 11-4, 11-1; F Smith (GB) bt K Izinio-Pesonen (Fin), 11-1, 11-1; C Magnusson (Swe) bt C Stropke (WG), 11-12, 11-7, 11-6; K Larsen (Den) bt E van Dijck (Neth), 11-4, 11-5.

BOWLS

Winning stylists to clash

By David Rhys Jones

THE anticipated quarter-final THE anticipated quarter-final clash between Steve Palmer and Gary Harrington materialized yesterday at Thornbury, where the carpet provided an ideal surface for the two England players to parade their skills in the Bristol and West Building Society All England champion of champions event.

Palmer, the city of Ely champion, slim and bespectacled, spends an age comtemplating his task before despatching his bowl. Harrington, the Isis cham-

bowl. Harrington, the Isis chamn, is a jovial. 15-stone natu ral player, quick to make up his mind, and swift and fluid in action.

Palmer played steadily through his opening game against Alfreton's John Hopkinson, then dashed off three threes in successive ends, taking the score from 12-12 to 21-12 in less than 15 minutes.

than 15 minutes.

RESULTS: First round: R Hart (Essex County) by M Brack (Darford Stone Lodge), 21-19; M Freeborn (Beccles) by R Burch (Ermouth Madera), 21-9; G Harrington (Isis) by A Parsons (Whitelorights), 27-6; J Kenton (Egham) by W Ward (Avon Valley), 21-11; T Jamieson (Victory) by E Hanger (Northampton), 21-17; S Passer (City of By) by J Hopianson (Alfrston), 21-12; J Wickham (Dewish) by J Klyon (Erwarsh), 21-17; S Aray (Bleck-pool-Fyide) by D Fox (Stoke Mandeville), 21-17. Quarter-finals: Hart by Wickham, 21-15; Airey by Jamieson, 21-15; Airey by Jamieson, 21-15; 21-12; Airey bt Jamieson, 21-15; Freeborne bt Kemon, 21-5.

EQUESTRIANISM

World warm-up is cold comfort for senior Whitaker

From Jenny MacArthur, Dortmund

JOHN Whitaker and Hender- balanced round on the Irishson Milton, the favourites for the earlier warm-up class of the day. Whitaker, who has the advantage of being drawn 42nd out of 46 for today's first leg. is the Volvo World Cup which begins here today, gave little sign of their status when collecting 9.75 faults in yesterday's warm-un class

The competition, which was won by Ludger Beerbaum on Almox Rosella, the West Ger-man Olympic team gold medal winner, was used by most of the riders as a trial run. Beerbaum's task was made easier when two top contenders for the world cup

the American, Bernie Traurig

Eastern Sunrise, and the
Frenchman, Roger-Yves Bost,
on Norton de Rhuis — withdrew from the jump-off to keep their horses fresh for today's first leg of the final.

There was no doubting Mil-ton's freshness. The 12-year-old gelding has been resting as Axel Wockener's nearby stables since the Gothenburg show a for-night ago and clearly relished being back in the ring. Four faults at the first part of

rour faunt at the mst part of the treble looked unlucky but, rapidly gathering momentum, Whitaker then found himself having to circle before the gate, naving to circle before the gate, incurring jumping and time faults. Whitaker, nevertheless, remained confident of his chances of becoming the first Briton to win the cup. "He feels good — he's just fresh."

Joe Turi, one of the five-strong British contingent, had a similar problem with Michael Bulman's mare, Mark Two, who ideally would have benefited

ideally would have benefited from another show before com-

since Milton tends to jump better the bigger the course.
RESULTS: Warm-up Class One (speed class): 1, Moët et Chendon Prince (foodignon, France) io in 60.35; 2, Lucky 86 (B Reitter, West Germany) io in 52.32; 3, Wallenstein 49 (N Koof, West Germany) in 64.37. Warm-up Class Two (jump-of class): 1, Aimox Rosells (I, Beerbaum West Germany) in 34.20; 2, Crown Royel Coststict (M Leone, US) io in 37.28; 3, Notable IV (H Chopping, Canada) io in 83.55. Retable steep food the form of the first of the food of the contraction of the contrac In contrast, Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, produced a beautifully controlled and

White's vacation soured by Hornes

By a Special Correspondent

IAN White's holiday from his James Smart (Guildford) after restaurant in Chang Mai, Thai-taking an early lead with birdies

restaurant in Chang Mai, Thailand, was slightly clouded at West Hill, Surrey, yesterday when he and his father, Barry, lost by 2 and 1 in the quarter-finals of the Father and Son Foursomes.

The Whites, who won in 1975 and were the last survivors from 12 winning partnerships who entered this year, went out to David Horne (Edgbaston) and his son, James (Bearstead).

The Whites had as unhappy start, and were five down after 10 holes. A fine fight-back setumed them to two down after 11 hone Cale and David Loren (Edgbaston and Bearstead). The Whites had an unhappy start, and were five down after 10 holes. A fine fight-back returned them to two down after

returned them to two down after 15, but they could make no further impression.

Earlier, they had eliminated Dick Warrin, aged 79 (Pinner Hill) and his former youth international son, Steven, who won in 1974.

The only other former winners to reach the last 16, Deric Baxter, aged 77, and his son, David (Holme Hall), went out to Tony and Gary Skivington (Tandridge), who continued into the semi-final at the expense of Raymond and Steven Cox (Sunningdale), whom they beat by two holes.

beat by two holes.

The Burhill pair, Roy and Andrew Glover, triumphed in a good game with Barry and good game with Barry and and J Smart J and S Rand A Glover bt B and K M. Aubrey-Fietcher. 4 and S; B and M. Aubrey-Fietcher.

REAL TENNIS Sievers has to struggle

AUSTRALIA moved relatively string, led Christopher Sievers comfortably to a 2-0 lead over 5-2 in the first set with some France in the opening match of the Bathurst Cup, the top amateur international team event of out the unforced errors, how-

the year (Sally Jones writes). ever, and began retrieving su-Mike Happell, the Australian perbly, moving Chueca around Mike Happell, the Austranau
No. I, was far too sharp and
consistent for Denis
Grozdanovitch, but Christopher
French second

Denis
RESULTS: Australia lead France 2-0: M
Happell bt D Grozdanovitch, 5-0, 5-0, 6-1;
C Sievers bt C Chuaca, 6-5, 6-3, 6-1.

Tand E Ciutton (Wrexham and Wi Lothian) bt B and M Joseph (Glamorgan), 3 and 2; B and J Smart (Guidford) bt M and J Geeke (St Enedoc and Knutstord), 3 and 2. Feueth reund: B and K Sharp bt D P A and J A Cou, 7 and 5; T E D and T H Harker bt P and D Story, at 18th; R and S Cox bt P and E Webb, 4 and 3; A and G Skiwington, bt C and D Beuter, 1 hole; D and J Home bt C and D Knapp, 1 hole; G and I White bt W and S Warni, 4 and 3; R and A Glover bt L and M L Aubrey-Flather, 4 and 3; B and

SPORT ON TELEVISION

Eurosport goes to town for the Cup

"THE biggest challenge in our 15 months history", is how Adrian Metcalfe sees Eurosport's World Cup cover-

age from Italy this summer.
With a 50-strong workforce in
Rome, Eurosport will be beaming more than 300 hours of
World Cup football into around 15 million British homes be-tween June 8 and July 8. Every

match will be covered.

But Metcalfe, Eurosport's But Metcalte, Eurosport's head of programmes, has deliberately set out to be "an alternative channel". They will not compete with BBC or ITV when England or Scotland are being shown live. "People have grown up with them: they both have their level vicener and it is their loyal viewers and it is commonsense not to compete."

By Ken Lawrence
So, while the early round
games involving England and
Scotland will be recorded, there will be alternative viewing on the channel that has already shown 200 hours of World Cup qualifying football, covering ev-ery match — with the solitary exy match — with the solidary exception of a game in China at the time of the Tiananmen Square troubles. Metcalfe is also planning to

whereast is also planning to bring in all the images" of the World Cup, and that starts on Saturday with the first showing of the official 1978 World Cup film, The Passion of Football. This 90-minute drama has been banned for 12 years because of its political undertones. These come through very clearly with players and officials unhappy at

taking part in a World Cup that appeared to give support to a Argentinian political junta that had reduced a nation to poverty. the fact that the cameramen miss a lot of the action, there is passion in plenty, not to mention humour, some great goals and a great commentary.

Such is the tackling in the final, that one wonders if the memory plays tricks and whether Norman Hunter, *Chopper* Harris and Tommy Smith were really no harder than Trevor Brooking. And you can only smile as the players walk off in their bloodstained shirts and the Argentinian presi-dent talks of the warmth of friendship, unity and peace.

Our campaign to preserve minimum values for the export of live horses and ponies from Britain gets under way this week. We take a look at the often shocking standards of animal welfare on the continent and ask, who is going to police standards in the EEC, and are we condemning our moorland ponies to extinction?

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THE WORLD'S BIGGEST SELLING EQUESTRIAN WEEKLY. OUT NOW

February, took 45 minutes to demolish Petra Langrova, of

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida
(AFP) — Steffi Graf, who had
not played competitively since
retaining her Australian Open in
lost only seven times in 244 lost only seven times in 244 matches over the last three years, had not expected to be fit before the German Open in Hamburg in three weeks' time. Langrova conceded she had • CRICKET: WISDEN REVIEW 42

Reject Gower is thumb's width from Test recall

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, St John's, Antigua

DAVID Gower's turbulent run victory in Barbados, West Test career, indefinitely put on hold only last autumn, could be revived today in a match of watershed importance to the team management, who banished him.

tour of endless surprises, remained a fascinating possibility last night as David Smith struggled to convince anyone that his damaged left thumb has recovered, while various other England batsmen nursed irritating knocks.

There was trouble, too, in the rival West Indies camp. Both Malcolm Marshall and Ezra Moseley will miss this decisive final Test with hamstring injuries. Courtney Walsh and Eldine Baptiste have been drafted into the

that they are agreed in seeking

greater authority for umpires

in Test matches. Raman

the Test and County Cricket

Board, said: "I can't under-

stand why we don't make

faster progress towards having

an independent panel of um-

Emphasizing that he was

not reacting to the umpiring

controversy during the Fourth Test in Barbados, Subba Row

said: "Last week, before the

Test, England's Cricket Coun-

cil stated that the quicker that

we gave more authority to the

umpires internationally the

better it would be for the

"The game ought to be

pires for Test matches."

progress on umpires

ENGLISH cricket's ruling possible. At the very least bodies yesterday announced there should be a conference

Subba Row, the chairman of umpires could discuss com-

getting on with setting up that decisions in the series," he

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Indies will start as odds-on favourites, not only to avoid their first series defeat at home since 1973, but to win it from

nent, who banished him. Viv Richards, the captain,
This last, ironical twist on a resenting all suggestions that his team may be yesterday's champions, is manically intent on a triumphant finale before his own Antiguan crowd. Ambrose, whose eight second winnings wickets set-tled the Barbados Test, will also revel on his home territory and England, who arrived here in the early hours of yesterday morning are dangerously disjointed.

Gower was included in the party for this final leg once it

was clear that Smith remained doubtful. He has played only one innings for his touring Subba Row calls for

there should be a conference

staged, preferably during an

English summer so as to cause

minimum disruption, so that

mon problems. They could

achieve uniformity of applica-

tion of the laws that would

lead to a build up of their

authority, thus taking care of

problems like over-rates and

The independent panel

scheme is being undertaken by the International Cricket

Council, which is notoriously

slow to implement change.

However, Subba Row feels

that England have not been

the losers on controversial

decisions in the Caribbean: "I

feel England have done better

than the West Indies on what

we might call the difficult

play in front of a fit batsman from the original squad." A capacity crowd is ex-pected for the start of play today but with the series tied at 1-1 and excitement at a peak, politics continue to interfere. The BBC, whose cricket correspondent Christopher Martin-Jenkins has been sued for defamation by Test umpire Lloyd Barker, have been denied a commentary point on the ground and are having to squeeze into the tiny press box, already over-populated by 60 English

scoring 59 and pinching a

but he is fit and ready to play if

For Gower, unceremo-niously abandoned in Septem-

ber, watching this tour has

been an emotional turmoil.

Delighted for his friends when

England have done unimagin-

ably well, he has also suffered

regular pangs of something

close to jealousy. "Of course, I

have wanted to be out there

with them," he says. "It has been a strange experience to be seeing a Test series as a

detached observer but it is

exciting to have the chance to

manager whose policies had

no room for Gower, admits:

position, putting himself in

the firing line without much

preparation, but he will not

"David is in a very difficult

Micky Stewart, the team

get involved again so soon."

thigh muscle in the process

England need him.

Knee problem

Karl Krikken, the Derbyshire wicketkeeper, will miss the opening month of the county cricket season after undergoing knee operation.

Potter treatment

Laurie Potter, the Leicestershire batsman, who is having manipulative treatment for a back injury, is doubtful for the start of the cricket season. He hopes to be available for the Refuge Assurance League clash with Northamptonshire on April 22

Hughes set to go one better

DAVID Hughes, of Lancashire, the senior captain in English cricket at the age of 43 next month, has achieved much in his three years, winning the Sunday League last season, the Refuge Cup in 1988 and, more significantly, taking his side to second place in the championship in his first term in charge of a club which had not been higher than twelfth in the previous

That feat made him one of Wisden's five cricketers of the year and the personable Akram is absent and perhaps

"That is the real prize," he

said at a pre-season lunch at Old Trafford yesterday. "We have a well-balanced squad with one of the best seam attacks in the country and, for the first time since Harry Pilling in the seventies, a proper No. 3 batsman in Michael Atherton, who will be having his first full season

Patterson, the West Indian, can only play when Wasim Hughes seeks to go one better Lancashire's only worry is the this season and win the title fitness of the Pakistani left-

arm bowler (groin operation). "We are trying to monitor the situation in Lahore but that is not the easiest of jobs," Hughes said.

Phillip DeFreitas, Mike Watkinson and Paul Allott, who is taking his benefit this season, make a formidable force which will be supported by Dexter Fitton, the off

Fitton and Ian Folley, the left-arm spinner, have both made a good start on the preseason tour of Australia, where Lancashire won four of their eight matches against good quality opposition.



Ngugi and Mota withdraw from London Marathon

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

in October, sees a specialist to

decide whether he can take

JOHN Ngugi, the Olympic ance at London.
5,000 metres champion, yesThe disappointment may. terday withdrew from the ADT London Marathon to be run on Sunday week. Ngugi, who has also won the world cross county championship four times, was to have made his debut at the distance but a himself to the start. spokesman for the Kenyan National Athetics Federation said yesterday: "Ngugi is not sufficiently prepared to run in an international marathon of the importance of the ADT London Marathon. When Ngugi is ready and able, his first international marathon will be in London in 1991."

It was a double blow for the race because Rosa Mota, the world, Olympic and European champion, announced yes-terday that she would run Boston on Monday rather than make her first appear- improvement on the 2hr

not yet be over for the organizers because today Paul Davies-Hale, the British winner of the Chicago Marathon

Davies-Hale has been unable to train properly for two and a half weeks because of a trapped nerve in his back which has caused referred pain in a hamstring. He is pessimistic about his prospects and is considering

withdrawing.

By winning Chicago, Davies-Hale indicated that, potentially, he is Britain's next outstanding marathon runner to follow in the footsteps of Steve Jones and Charlie Spedding. A substantial

11min 25sec he ran in Chicago was expected but, even if the physiotherapist he sees today clears him to run, the training he has missed may compromise his chances.

"I have missed a few sessions which I should not have missed," Davies-Hale, aged 27, said yesterday. "I have missed out a couple of important long runs of 20 miles plus and some quality

Mota, a Portuguese, re-solved a dispute, which interfered with her training, with her national federation only last week. "Since London is the place for a fast time, we decided to say yes to Boston on the assumption that the competition will not be tough and that times will not be very important," her coach, Jose Pedrosa, said yesterday.

Romania cheated over ages

EAST BERLIN (AP) - Romanian sports officials under the ousted Ceaucescu regime faked the birth dates of leading women gymnasts to make them eligible for the Olympics and other important events

earlier than permitted. The report, based on interviews with several leading Romanian gymnasts, has appeared in the Olympic Gymnastics magazine published in East Germany.

International Gymnastics Federation rules ban women gymnasts younger than 15 ears from competing at Olympics and other international events, such as world or European championships. Daniela Silivas, the winner

of three gold medals at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, told the magazine she was only 14 when she won her first medal | Road, at one time it looked as 1-0 at Torquay United.

playoff

Zoran Kalinic 21-19, 21-11,

Hill promotes a DIY transfer to speed return

Hill, the former Luton Town and England midfielder, yes-terday sent a fax to all first and second division clubs, plus the sports desk of every national ewspaper, announcing that he wishes to return to English football next season.

Due to a clause in his contract, Hill, who has spent the past year with the French second division club, Le Havre, will be available for £50,000 in July. "I am not represented by an agent so I figured this was the best way to let club's know I wanted to get back into English foot-ball," Hill, aged 31, said yesterday. A similar approach pre-

viously paid dividends for Barry Vension: when the full back decided to leave Sunderland, he wrote to all first division managers asking for a contract, and was rewarded by phonecall from Kenny Dalglish, of Liverpool.

Unlike his fellow expaniates, including Glenn Hoddle,
Chris Waddle, and Mark
Hateley, French football has
failed to live up to Hill's Tours (May 5).

Any scouts can watch Hill at
Lavall (April 14), home to
Tours (May 5).

THE age of the DIY football expectations. The lads in the transfer has dawned. Ricky first division say it is everyting I thought it would be lots of good passing very technical, and good collective movement — but the second division has been a dis appointment," he said.

"The difference between the first and second division is much greater than in England in France, the second division game tends to be very fast and physical, and the training is short fitness rather than ballwork - I haven't been worked so hard since I was 16," he

no quartel with Le Havie.
"The clob have been great, I have enjoyed the lifestyle, and I am glad to have had the experience. We are now think in the second division. The top team is automatically promoted to the first division, and the next two go through to the play-offs, so it would be nice to help Le Havre go up before I leave."

Any scouts can watch Hill at

Early return ruled out by Charlton

CHARLTON Athletic have abandoned hope of returning to The Valley next season. In last night's programme for the match against Liverpool, Roger Alwen, the chairman, wrote: "After much consideration we will be seeing out. our lease at Selhurst Park the season without one and which takes us up to May 1991," (Louise Taylor writes).

Alwen is well aware that continuing to share Selhurst Park with Crystal Palace will not prove popular with

Charlton supporters.

However, in his statement the chairman appeals to their sense of logic. "We had seriously considered a temporary Voltage refurbishment of The Valley and on an emotional front from me that was our first choice," he said. "However, the agreement at Selhurst Park and the safety certificate at The Valley were factors that

portant factor was what capac ity could have been agreed at The Valley.

"After Hillsborough and the Taylor report, safety certificates are not easy to obtain and we could have found ourselves at the benname of nowhere to play."

The main sampling block

between Chariton and a return to their traditional home has, been opposition from Green-wich Council. In December, councillors vetoed club plans for a 25.000-capacity all-seat stadium at The Valley because. space for offices and a restaurant included in the plans did not conform with council

Charling supporters have responded by forming a political party known as the Valley Party, which will contest the local government move. We could have ended attempt to oust the present up paying for Selhurst Park council Leaflets expounding and playing somewhere else, their cause were circulated at A but probably the most im- Selhurst Park last night.

Taylor's role in season still hangs in balance

THE vagaries of football are if Taylor was destined to such that minutes after scordisappear back into non league obscurity. season on Tuesday night: Bob Taylor found himself flat out on a stretcher, contemplating an early end to the best season of his short career (Louise

Taylor writes). After being told that he was not good enough for the second division by Leeds United just over a year ago. Taylor was transferred down a division to Bristol City, who many thought had offered over the odds in paying £225,000 for the north-east born 23-year-old, who began his career with Horden Col-

liery Welfare. Yet, under the managerial guidance of Joe Jordan, a forward of considerable repute during his playing career, Taylor has gone from strength to strength. Presently the league's leading scorer with 34 goals — the latest struck

name may be enough to leave defenders quaking in their boots, and managers scanning their bank balances, but desoite claiming a respectable team appearances at Elland

Now the second division is beckening, but the rainbow could be clouded if tests on Toesday night's hamstring injury dictate that Taylor misses the remainder of the season. All the chib would say yesterday is that the prognosis is "not good". If that proves the case, the Ashton Gate faithful will not only be deprived of potential match-winning efforts, but some spectacular goals; Tuesday's haul included 25 and 35-yard strikes, either

side of a scoring header. Bristol Rovers stayed in second place, courtesy of a 1-1 draw at Huddersfield Town, and Notts County maintained the pressure on both Bristol clubs and Tranmere Rovers, by beating Northampton 3-2 at Meadow Lane.

Exeter City retained the against Crewe Alexandra on fourth divison leadership with Tuesday night — he has had a 1-0 win at Colchester much to do with City's position, six points clear at the Essex club a bit closer to the head of the third division.

GM. Vanxhall. Conference The mere mention of his next season. Grimsby Town, in second place, suffered their first home defeat in 10 games losing 2-1 to Peterborough United. At the opposite cad, spite claiming a respectable Wrexham's renaissance ratio of nine goals in 36 first continued. They won their seventh game in the last nine,

Ireland may drop selectors

MOVES to streamline the national selecter. selection of international teams are being considered by many, is too restrictive and the Irish Rugby Football

The present system is that the branch committees of the agerial duties with those of four provinces submit three chairman of just five selectors. nominations each, from which a chairman, coach, three full selectors and two sub-selectors are decided upon by a panel of three, consisting of Ronnie Dawson, of Leinster, Tom Kiernan, of Munster and Sid Millar, of Ulster. But the three who select the selecters, so to speak, cannot co-opt anyone from outside the branch nominations and no one who is not a provincial

selecter can serve as an inter-

This system, in the view of should be replaced by the present team manager, Ken Reid, combining his man-

Reid, however, is not a provincial selecter and would. under the present constitution of the IRFU, be unable to act as chairman. That is one of the difficulties. Another is in the suggestion that Dawson, Kiernan and Millar be given permission to co-opt as a selector someone from outside the provincial nominations. The constitution of the

agreement that Ireland's standing in world rugby is at a low ebb and changes must be made quickly if any improvement is to be forthcoming before next year's World Cup. It is a delicate situation and the full co-operation of the committees of the four provinces is essential if the first

undertaken on the road to Dawson, Kiernan and Millar are three of the most able administrators in rugby. football; their gospel and what is best for Ireland should not be thwarted by a constitution IRFU can be re-written but it that forbids what logical

tentative steps are to be

Andrew gets bronze reward Skylet Andrew had a dream Lupulesky.

day at the European table "As we weren't playing for tennis championships yesthe title, and both teams get terday when he helped Engbronze medals, I thought I land win third place in the would give Skylet a go, and it. men's team event with a 5-1 was a chance to rest Des." victory over Yugoslavia.

Andrew had sat on the sidelines since Sunday watchsidelines since Sunday watching his team mates, silver lose, beaten 21-12, 21-9 by medal winners two years ago, win through to the last four. Don Parker, the England Lupulesku: The steady Carl coach, decided to take a gamble in playing Andrew tories of instead of the tired Desmond Kalinic.

Douglas in the third-place Prean was the only winner in the semi-final against Swe-The move paid off when the den. He defeated Jorgen extrovert Londoner beat

Persson, the world championship runner-up. REGISTR: Mor's bears Sond-Breis Sinden 5, England T (M Appelgram of I Ocuşles 21-18, 21-13:) Personn lost to A Presn 13-21, 25-21, 16-21; 1-0 Wajstant A A Cockie 21-18, 22-30: Appelgram to Presn A Cockie 21-18, 22-30: Appelgram to Presn Alan Cooke, the England
No. 1, was the only man to lose, beaten 21-12, 21-9 by
Zoran Primorac, following a 23-21, 21-14 win over Lipulesku. The steady Carl Prean added three-game victories over Primorac and the control of the contr

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is a time-consuming process. minds deem prudent.